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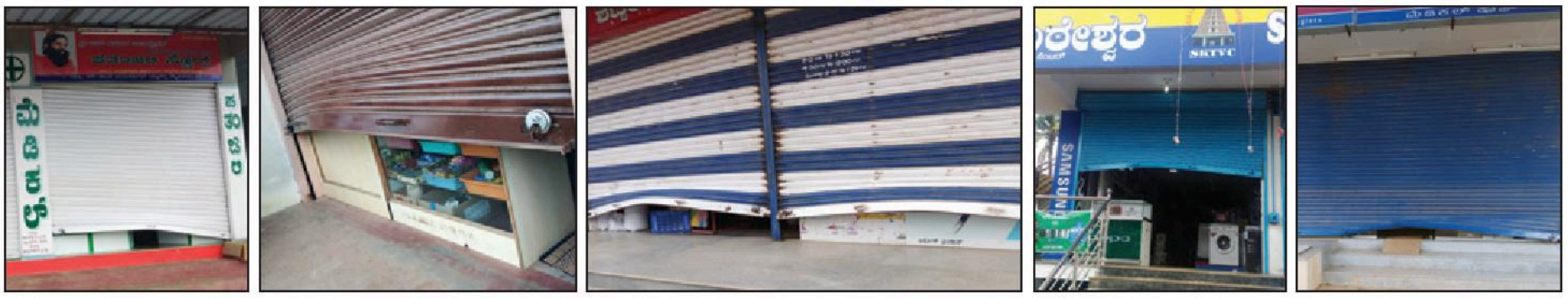
Eclipse effect: 8 shops burgled in one night



Mysuru, July 28 (RK&BCT)- Last night's Lunar Eclipse gave a perfect opportunity for burglars to strike in city and they made the most out of it by looting cash from eight shops in Kuvempunagar, Saraswathipuram and Jayapura Police limits.

Though it was a sky-sent opportunity, burglars could not make away with much cash. But the way they pried open shop shutters has worried the Police as it is not the handiwork of regular lock-breaking criminals but burglars who have made use of technology for the crime.

In all, eight shops were burgled and cash of about Rs.50,000 was looted. Surprisingly some of the thefts took place close to the 24x7 Police Check-Post on the Bogadi Ring Road and the Police had no clue about the crime. Shop owners and residents alleged that the Police took for granted that nobody would venture out of their houses during Lunar Eclipse and dozed off, giving a free hand to burglars.

(See BURGLED on page 13)

Nation-wide strike by private hospitals

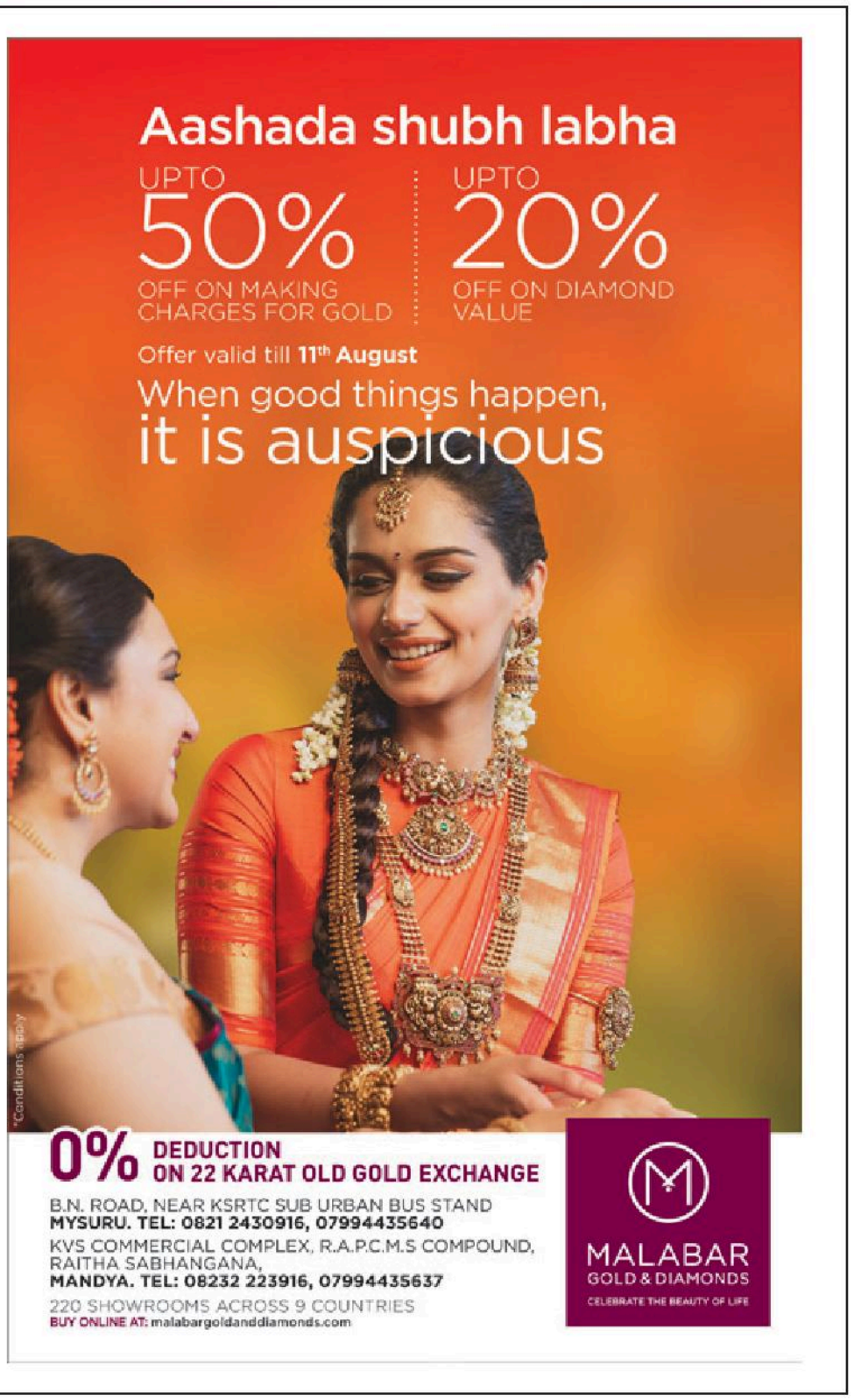
Poor response at hospitals in city

Patients queue up at K.R. Hospital in city this morning even as there was poor response to nation-wide strike by private hospitals.

Mysuru, July 28 (MTY&NNN)- The nation-wide strike call given by the Indian Medical Association (IMA) to observe 'Dikkar Divas,' opposing the National Medical Commission (NMC) Bill 2017, by stopping the functioning of OPD (Out Patient Department) from 6 am to 6 pm in all private hospitals, evoked a poor response in city this morning with almost all the private hospitals functioning normally.

The doctors and the staff in all major private hospitals attended to the patients in the OPDs and even the government hospitals saw the normal crowd of patients.

(See HOSPITALS on page 13)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Mysuru, Saturday 28th July 2018

Governance and *government*

The nation's masses, while hearing the public speeches during the campaigns by contestants in the elections to both the country's Parliament and Legislative Assemblies of many States that were conducted in 2014 and 2015, were assured various benefits if their respective parties got the mandate to form the government. Some of those benefits, *concrete* in word and deed, seem to have been realised to some extent. Two other assurances, abstract in nature, namely *achhe din* (good days) and *good governance* have suffered ridicule by the opposition both on the floor of the Legislative bodies and in public debates on various platforms across the country to the point of saying anything more on these assurances amounts to flogging the dead horse. The electorate also heard the more eloquent speakers of the ultimate victorious party chanting the slogan *Less government, more governance.* Which of these is more and which other is less shall always remain a puzzle.

Mysureans of the present generation may not get the full import of the statement by knowledgeable public speakers invoking on various occasions the name of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, whose four-decade rule of the State also earned adoration by Mahatma Gandhi likening the region as *Ramarajya*, bestowing a praise of epic proportions.

Rating a government for its performance and also assessing the quality of governance during the assigned tenure can both be objective and subjective depending on expectations of different sections of society and the extent of perceived fulfilment. The outcome of assessing the two related ingredients of democracy falls under a wide range with the opposition at one end and common people at the other. Even as the debate on the work and style of working of successive governments goes on till eternity, the government of the day prepares its data-based work report and presents it both for public consumption and on the floors of the Legislative bodies.

In the foregoing backdrop, the Bengaluru-based *think tank* Public Affairs Centre has come out with an *index* worked out by taking into account many parameters (infrastructure, human development, protection to women and children, crime, law and order, delivery of justice, environment, transparency, fiscal management, economic freedom) rating Kerala as the top-most State in providing good governance and Karnataka at the fifth place behind Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Himachal Pradesh. The exercise may or may not trigger public debate.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

We routinely and on a daily basis bemoan the low standards of our politics and of most, if not all, our politicians, many of whom are what is known as 'history sheeters' and have a criminal record. We tell ourselves and each other that if it weren't for our corrupt, law-breaking law-makers, India would be a prosperous and progressive country. The fact that it isn't is all the fault of our political system and those who operate within it. But in a democracy, who is – or ought to be – responsible for the standards of its politics and politicians, if not the electorate? Which means us. You and me. Water finds its own level. And, in a democracy – even a supposed democracy – political morality finds its own prevailing standards. In other words, we get the politics and the politicians that we deserve. Thumbing our noses at the law – whether by deliberately disobeying road rules, or evading taxes, or offering or accepting bribes – is something that we not only do, but take pride in doing. Someone who scrupulously adheres to the law is generally deemed to be a sanctimonious, holier-than-thou hypocrite, or a feeble-minded wimp.

— Jug Suraiya in The Times of India.

NEWS SPARKLERS

Student creates action figures out of cicada shells

Tokyo: A Japanese high-school student recently shot into fame after posting photos of an incredibly detailed action figure he made out of around 300 discarded cicada shells on Twitter.

The student came up with the idea of using discarded cicada shells for artistic purposes after accidentally stepping on one at school. It wasn't hard for him to collect hundreds of them in his high-school yard alone.

He carved all the shells by hand and carefully pieced them together using tweezers and wood glue. The young artist said that because he loved working on his first model so much, he managed to complete it in just two weeks, which was much sooner than he had anticipated.

Spikes on trees to stop birds pooping on cars

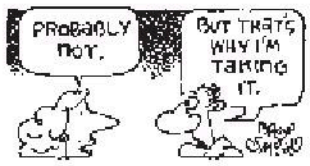
Bristol: Wealthy residents in Bristol, England have installed 'anti-bird spikes' on trees to protect their expensive cars from bird droppings.

The spikes, which are commonly used to prevent birds from roosting and nesting on building ledges over public sidewalks, were nailed to two trees in the exclusive Clifton area of the city, near the wildlife-rich Downs and the Avon gorge.

The use of these spikes in trees has outraged locals and environmentalists alike, with one Twitter user calling it a war on wildlife. The affected trees have been described by a local Green Party councilor as uninhabitable to birds. A spokesperson for Bristol city council, however, said that the trees were on private property, so there was nothing that the local authorities could do to stop them. The spikes had apparently already been in place for several years.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Will statin drugs help me avoid a heart attack?



Current data shows that out of 100 people who take a statin drug, only 2 will avoid a heart attack. The remaining 98 will see no benefit. At the same time, 5 to 20 of the 100 will experience muscle aches, weakness, fatigue, cognitive dysfunction and increased diabetes risk.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, July 28- **Razia Sultan** has been awarded Ph.D in Chemistry by the University of Mysore for her thesis "Studies on Remediation of Dyes from Industrial Effluents Using a New Class of Biosorbents" submitted under the guidance of Dr. Syed Akheel Ahmed.

N.R. Shreyes has been awarded Ph.D in Commerce by the UoM for his thesis "A study of Value Relevance of Financial Reporting in India" submitted under the guidance of Dr. K. Nanjegowda.

Bharathiar University

K. Ashwath Kumar has been awarded Ph.D in Food Science by Bharathiar University for his thesis "Development of Multigrain Premixes and Their Effect on The Rheological, Textural, Nutritional Properties of Short Dough Biscuits" submitted under the guidance of Dr. G.K. Sharma.

VTU

S.V. Aruna Kumar has been awarded Ph.D in Computer and Information Science by Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) for his thesis "Exploring Computational Intelligence Techniques to Solve Image Analysis and Security Problems" submitted under the guidance of Dr. B.S. Harish.

AGM and Pratibha Puraskar

Mysuru, July 28- As part of its 36th Annual General Body Meeting (AGM), The Citizens House Mortgage and Housing Co-operative Society, Chamaraja Mohalla, has invited applications to present 'Pratibha Puraskar' for its members children, who have secured high marks in SSLC, II PUC, Degree and Post-Graduation exams (2017-18).

Along with this, it has also invited applications to present 'Pratibha Puraskar' for its members and their children, who have secured awards or medals in International or State-level sports. Interested and eligible candidates may send their applications with relevant documents before Aug.4.

For details, contact Society Secretary on Mob: 97412-02595.

Really...?

- ***Space has no 'down' or 'up' and there is no gravity. This makes astronauts weightless and sleeping for them can be in any orientation. However, to avoid floating and bumping on things, they strap themselves inside the crew cabin to a seat, wall or a bunk bed.***
- ***The spider that can blend into the twig was found in Rotary Park Rainforest Reserve, Lismore, New South Wales.***

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VOICE OF THE READER

Parthenium menace at vacant sites

Sir,

There are vacant sites on the left and right side of our house which are full of parthenium weeds *(see pic.)*. We and our neighbours' are afraid even to open the windows.

We the residents, in view of our safety, are cleaning the vacant sites near our houses at our own cost. Since the rainy season is on, the situation has worsened. Hence, on behalf of the residents I request the MCC officials concerned to look into the problem seriously and solve it permanently by strictly instructing the site owners to keep their sites clean.

—A. Subramanya
J.P. Nagar
3.7.2018

NOTE: *Read today's Weekend Star Supplement*.— **Ed**

Elected as Directors

Mysuru, July 28- The following have been elected unopposed as Directors of Snehanidhi Credit Co-operative Society, J.P. Nagar, for a five-year period — G.S. Gurusiddaiah, M. Suresh, M.B. Ramamurthy, V. Basavaraju, K.N. Pramod Chander, K.H. Devaraju, Dr. D.M. Nagaraju, S.D. Rudramurthy, Chaluvaiah, Y. Muddachaluvaiah, K. Shivanna, M. Rajeshwari and H.R. Seethalakshmi. As the Directors were elected unopposed, the election scheduled on July 30 stands cancelled.

Entries invited from meritorious students

Mysuru, July 28- The Kuncha Parivara and Kunchitigara Sangha, Bengaluru, has invited applications from meritorious community students for presentation of Pratibha Puraskar.

Students from rural areas who have scored 85 percent in SSLC and 80 percent in II PUC (2017-18) and students from Urban areas who have scored 90 percent in SSLC and 85 percent in II PUC (2017-18) are eligible to apply.

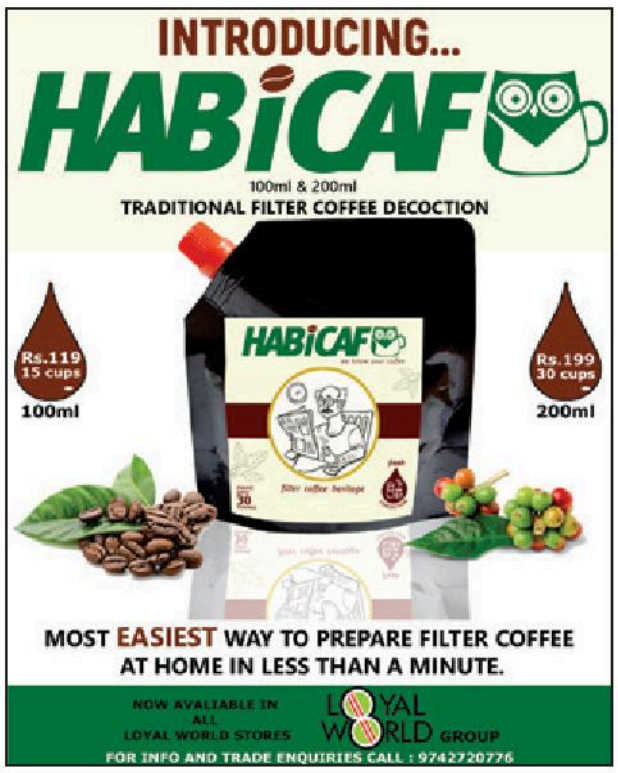
The interested students should send applications to the President, Kuncha Parivara, No.101, 2nd Cross, MEI Colony, Laggere, Bengaluru-58 before July 31.

For details call Mob: 94484-81053 or 99805-60890, according to a press release.

Vokkaliga students

The Karnataka State Vokkaliga Employees Welfare Association too has invited applications from Vokkaliga Community students who have scored high marks in Kannada language in SSLC and II PUC (2017-18) for presentation of Pratibha Puraskar on Aug.5. Last date for applying is July 29.

For details call Mob: 91648-66398, according to a press release from the Association.



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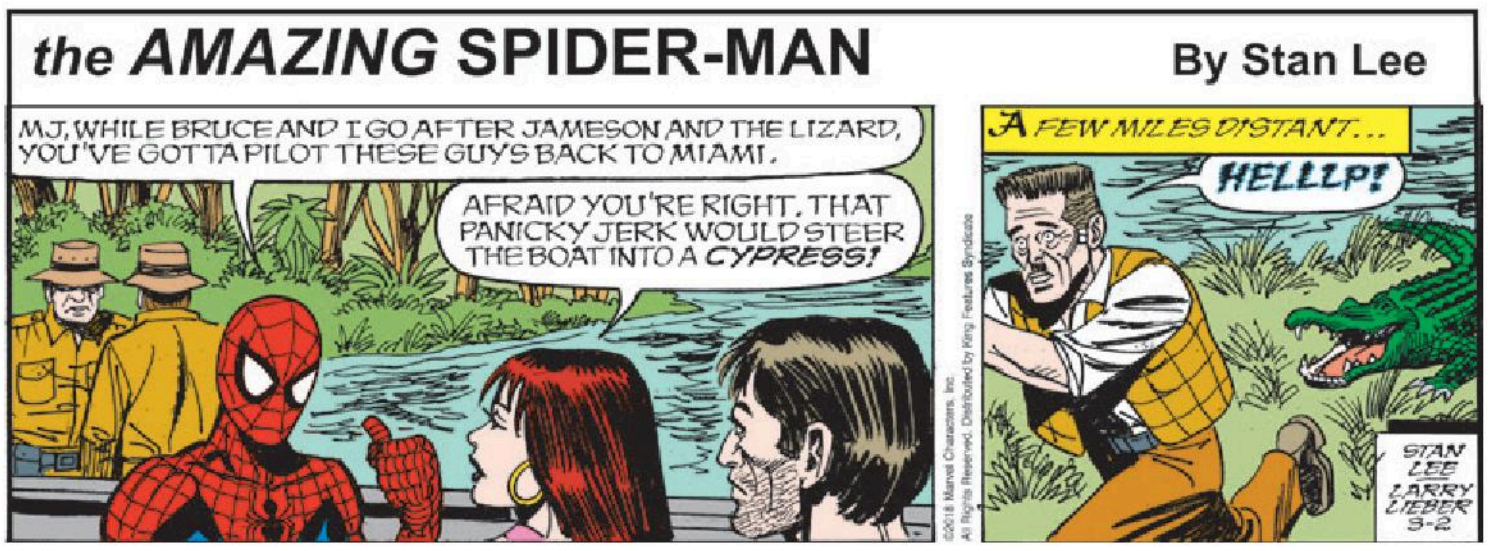
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NEWS BRIEFS

Music, dance, drama contest

City's Amarakala Sangha, Vidyaranyapuram, will be conducting its annual music, dance and drama contest for high school students on Aug. 20 and 21 and for college students on Aug. 22 and 23 at Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB road in city. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2483234 or Mob: 98450-88897.

Sahasranama Chanting

Bharateeya Samskruti Vidya Kendra, Ramakrishnanagar is organising Pancha Mata Sahasranama Chanting on Aug. 3 at 10 am on account of Chamundeshwari Vardanti. Interested may enrol their names with Yogashri Prof. K. Keshavamurthy on Mob: 98459-35080 before July 31.

Dasagana contest

The Haridasa Sangeetha Sahityotsava Samithi, Vidyaranyapuram in city, will be conducting a month-long Dasagana singing contest from Aug. 13 to Sept. 23. The contest is open for boys and girls aged between 10 and 25 years. The last date for registration is Aug 10. For details, contact Mob: 72040-43565.

Free check-up camp

The Mysuru Veerashaiva Sajjana Sangha and Lions Club of Mysuru Heritage City in association with Narayana Multi Speciality Hospital and Annapoorna Eye Hospital, will be conducting a free heart and eye check-up camp at Kanti Mallanna Kalyana Mandira, Sri Talkies Road, near Mandi Police Station, from 9.30 am to 2 pm on July 31 (Tuesday). For details, contact Mob: 99161-55453 or 99861-02061, according to a press release.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	122.70 ft
Yesterday	123.10 ft
Inflow	34,740 cusecs
Outflow	40,780 cusecs
Last year on this date	89.60 ft

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,282.71 ft
Inflow	24,200 cusecs
Outflow	25,000 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,856.13 ft
Inflow	7,330 cusecs
Outflow	7,200 cusecs

Close shave for students as School van catches fire

Mysuru, July 28 (RK&BCT)- School students, who were travelling in a van, had a providential escape last evening as their vehicle caught fire. However, all the students escaped unhurt though the damage to the vehicle was severe due to the intensity of fire.

The incident occurred in Bannimantap near Srinivasa Talkies. The Maruti Omni van (KA-20-M-8961) was carrying children from Huda Public School. As the vehicle neared Srinivasa Talkies, Sameer Khan and Isral who were coming from the opposite side observed smoke emanating from the front side of the vehicle.

Immediately they stopped their vehicle and alerted Samiulla, the van driver who was unaware of the smoke and fire. He stopped the vehicle and with the help of Sameer Khan and Isral and passers-by evacuated the terrified children from the van.

No sooner did the children were evacuated than the van burst into flames and the front portion of the vehicle, including the seats were caught in the fire. As the fuel tank was leaking, fire quickly spread to the bottom of the vehicle.

Passers-by poured water and controlled the fire from fully engulfing the vehicle.

Later, the students were transported by another vehicle to their homes at Mandi Mohalla, Ghousianagar and Five Lights Circle.

Gauri Lankesh Murder case

SIT sleuths camp in Madikeri, trace MLC PA's antecedents

Madikeri, July 28 (PS&BCT)- The Special Investigation Team (SIT) that is probing the murder of journalist Gauri Lankesh has intensified the investigation and some members of the SIT are camping in Madikeri, investigating the role of Rajesh Bangera, the PA of Congress MLC Veena Achaiah.

Fifty-year-old Rajesh Bangera, who was arrested by SIT from Madikeri recently, was produced before a magistrate in Bengaluru who remanded him to Police custody till Aug. 6.

Gauri Lankesh was shot dead outside her house in Bengaluru's Rajarajeshwari Nagar on the night of Sept. 5, 2017.

Though the SIT officials did not divulge details about the role Bangera played in the murder

Rajesh Bangera Gauri Lankesh

conspiracy, a senior official confirmed that he was in touch with Amol Kale and Amit Degwekar, believed to be the masterminds.

He trained Kale's boys and showed them how to handle guns and fire at a safe range for effective results, said a source. Bangera works as a second division assistant in the Education Department in Mangaluru and was in possession of two licenced firearms. He allegedly used the permits to procure ammunition for Kale.

He is an active member of right-wing Hindu outfits and would attend meetings where he often expressed his ideology, which hinged on the belief that Hinduism had to be safeguarded. He would instigate people to take up arms, the source added.

Tracing Bangera's involvement, the SIT visited a gun shop on Madikeri Main Road and interrogated the owner of shop. The sleuths have recovered certain documents from the shop.

A native of Palooru in Bettageri Gram Panchayat in Madikeri, Bangera also owns a coffee plantation. According to villagers, his family had migrated to Palooru from Dakshina Kannada district several years ago. The SIT sleuths also visited Palooru village and interrogated Bangera's family members.

Pickpockets target Chamundi devotees; four arrested

Mysuru, July 28 (RK&BCT)- Taking advantage of the large crowd that had come for the *darshan* of Goddess Chamundeshwari on the Second Ashada Shukravara yesterday, four pickpockets were found trying their hands on the devotees. They were arrested by Police.

The pickpockets were targeting the devotees who were climbing the steps to reach the hill temple and as it was an auspicious day, many devotees chose the steps route rather than the usual road. The criminals mixed easily with the crowd and were seen picking the purses and wallets of devotees. They were also snatching mobile phones.

After snatching the wallets, the pickpockets were seen quickly passing them on to their accomplices who were standing at a distance. Seeing this, Police who were deployed in mufti, caught hold of four pickpockets and were taken to Krishnaraja Police Station where the arrest formalities were completed.

On interrogation, the pickpockets revealed that they were habitual offenders and usually target devotees who throng the temple during festivals.

Truckers call off strike

New Delhi, July 28 (UNI)- Truck operators on strike for eight days agreed to call off their protest late last night after the government promised to consider their demands.

The All India Motor Transport Congress had called the strike to press Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government to reduce taxes on fuel, roll back higher insurance premiums and cut highway tolls.

The truck drivers' union said it had the support of hundreds of thousands of members in the campaign which has seen vehicles stranded at borders and fears that food prices could rise because of shortages.

Announcing the withdrawal of the strike, Union Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari said the government had agreed to consider their demands.

"The government is sensitive to the demands of the transporters. We have accepted many of their demands. We have formed a high-level committee to consider the last remaining one," the Union Minister said.

Trade lobby Assocham estimated that the strike had so far led to an estimated direct and indirect loss of over Rs. 50,000 crore to the economy. Earlier, there were several rounds of talks between the two sides to end the strike.

Following the call off, the lorries plied as usual in city this morning.

Hoteliers' Association questions 'only VIP entry' to KRS Dam

Mysuru, July 28 - The Mysuru Hotel Owners Association has urged Tourism and Sericulture Minister S.R. Mahesh to direct the authorities of Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL) to open the North Gate of the KRS dam for the public to have a full view of the water release and the vast expanse of water. As of now, only VIPs are allowed entry and the same facility is being denied to the visitors.

In a press release, C. Narayanagowda, the President of the Association, has stated that due to copious rains, the KRS has reached its maximum capacity and water is being released from the dam. This is a spectacular sight but the CNNL authorities have banned the entry of visitors on top of the dam citing security reasons.

While the general public are being prevented from walking on the dam through the North Gate, VIPs are easily being allowed inside, he said taking objection to the CNNL move to only allow VIPs and people with influence and clout.

Stating that thousands of tourists come to KRS now to witness the water release and not the Brindavan Gardens that has been badly maintained, Narayanagowda said that tourists were forced to crowd near the CNNL office. "Many tourists are complaining that the CNNL authorities were preventing them to have a full view of the dam and its water release," he added. He has urged the Tourism Minister to immediately intervene and direct CNNL authorities to open the North Gate entrance thereby allowing tourists to walk along the dam after deploying adequate security personnel.

Tiger Day at Zoo tomorrow

Mysuru, July 28 - Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens will be celebrating World Tiger Day tomorrow (July 29) to coincide with the inauguration of Youth Club-2018 at the Zoo Amphitheatre at 10 am.

Vijay Kumar Gogi, IFS, Principal Secretary, Forest Ecology and Environmental Department, will preside. P.S. Somashekar IFS (retd.) and Rajendra Gharwad, IFS, Assistant Inspector General of Forests, NTCA, will share their experience about issues pertaining to tigers and their conservation.

B.P. Ravi, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Member Secretary, Zoo Authority of Karnataka and Pradeep, Scientific Officer, Planet Aquarium, will be the chief guests. Wildlife enthusiasts and general public may attend the programme, according to a press release from Ajit Kulkarni, IFS, Executive Director, Mysuru Zoo.

Congress-JD(S) to contest LS polls jointly

Bengaluru, July 28 (KMS& DM)- With the coalition partners in the State Government — Congress and JD(S) — almost certain to contest the 2019 Lok Sabha Polls jointly, the seat sharing between the two parties is said to have been finalised.

As per the agreement informally reached between the two parties, the Congress will contest 18 seats while the JD(S) 10, out of the 28 LS seats in the State, to take on the BJP.

While the JD(S) will contest most of the seats in old Mysuru region, considered to be a stronghold of the party, the Congress will contest majority of seats from North Karnataka and Central Karnataka, where the JD(S) has little influence.

Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, during his visit to Delhi recently, is said to have held talks with AICC President Rahul Gandhi in this regard.

A couple of days after HDK's meeting with Rahul Gandhi, JD(S) supremo and former PM H.D. Deve Gowda had publicly said he would support Rahul Gandhi as the PM candidate of Opposition parties.

Meanwhile, if the JD(S) gets the 10 seats it has been assured of, the party will leave the Chamarajanagar (SC) seat to BSP, which had contested the Assembly polls in alliance with the JD(S).

With the JD(S) almost certain to get 10 seats, senior Congress leaders such as Veerappa Moily, Dhruvanarayan and Mudda Hanumegowda will have to leave their seats to the JD(S).

Saplings for sale

Mysuru, July 28 (US)- Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture Department, in a press release, has stated that good quality saplings of mango, sapota, coconut, guava, lemon and other plants are available for sale at the department. Interested farmers and public may contact Ph: 0821-2438572.

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Delay in commencement of classes, shortage of lecturers at Yuvaraja's College

Students stage snap stir

Students of Yuvaraja's College staging a snap stir in front of the College in city yesterday.

Mysuru, July 28 (MTY&NNN)- The students of Yuvaraja's College staged a snap stir in front of the College yesterday protesting against the delay in commencement of classes.

Even though the current academic year has begun, the classes have not been commenced yet. In spite of the time table being announced not a single class has been held so far. It is nearly two months since the academic session began but the lecturers continue to ignore taking classes. This is causing problem to them, the students alleged.

Every day we come to the classes expecting the lecturers to come and take classes. But as they fail to turn up we have to return disappointed. The Principal is aware of the problem but he has not taken any steps so far, the students complained.

Principal and lectures were caught unaware by the students suddenly staging a protest. Even as the absent lecturers showed up, the students were not prepared to withdraw the protest.

Principal Dr. R. Ganesh and senior lecturers tried to convince the students to withdraw the stir but they were in no mood to listen to them. They demanded the presence of the Vice-Chancellor.

Finally, the students themselves withdrew the protest.

Appointment of Guest Lecturers

There are only 60 permanent lecturers in Yuvaraja's College. Last year, 180 Guest Lecturers were appointed. However, this year the process of appointing the Guest Lecturers had not begun. However, this evening (July 27) the appointment order has reached the College. All the copies have been signed and given to the Guest Lecturers and they have also been asked to immediately report for duty. In another two days all classes will commence.

—Dr. R. Ganesh, Principal, Yuvaraja's College

Modern technology-based

Higher Education policy on cards

- **GTD plans to bring in changes from next academic year itself**
- **Including Principals, 5,000 lecturers posts to be filled**
- **VCs appointments in a month**

GTD

Bengaluru, July 28 (KMS& NNN)- There will be drastic changes in the undergraduate and post-graduate system of education in the State based on modern technology and the new syllabus will be introduced in the next academic year itself, said Higher Education Minister G.T. Devegowda (GTD).

Addressing a media conference here yesterday, he said that including the vacant posts of the Principals in the Colleges, 5,000 lecturers post will also be filled.

Since the vacancies have to be filled at the earliest, the Finance Department's approval has been sought and the appointments will be made based on merit. This process will be completed in six months, he said.

As just holding a BA degree has lost its significance in the present times, there is a thinking to revolutionise this course by converting this into vocational courses. This step is being taken as there are fewer takers for BA courses. In the light of this, basic degree courses will be given a modern touch, he said.

There is a lot of criticism that higher education is not serving the purpose it is meant for and to clear this conception, it will get a dash of modern technology so that the students can get jobs as soon as they step out into the world, he added. The syllabus for all the courses will be framed accordingly and the classes based on the new syllabus will commence from next academic year itself, he said.

Nearly 102 degree colleges in the State do not have their own permanent buildings. In a few colleges there are shortages of classrooms. The Chief Minister has sanctioned Rs.250 crore for new buildings and additional classrooms. However, this money is not enough. Hence, efforts are on to rope in major IT companies to provide basic facilities and already talks have been held with a few technocrats and industrialists. They have responded to the Government's proposal, said Devegowda.

The VC's posts are lying vacant in a few Universities in the State and they will be filled in a month's time, he assured.

In order to implement all these ideas, a meeting of VCs and Registrars of all Universities in the State has been called for from Aug.1 to 3. At the same time, a Higher Education Parishad Meet will also be held, he said.

"There is a Joint Director (JD) of Higher Education Department in Mysuru and it is true that he is a good man. However, he does not have control over the College Principals. These Principals do not listen to the JD's words. When he visited a college recently he felt that instead of higher education being imparted, it looked like it was a den of political activities. The lecturers do not listen to the Principals, and the students do not care for the lecturers. Everyone looks like belonging to one political party or the other," regretted Devegowda.

GTD decides to bifurcate

Maharani's Science & Arts College

Planning to acquire 4.5 acre MUDA land in Vijayanagar 4th Stage for the new Arts College

Mysuru, July 28 (NNN)- Higher Education Minister G.T. Devegowda (GTD) has decided to bifurcate the Maharani's College established by the Mysore royal family. Already Maharani's Commerce and Management College for Women has been shifted to a spacious building in Paduvarahalli. Now, plans are afoot to bifurcate the Science and Arts Colleges which are in the same place on JLB Road.

It is impossible to provide basic facilities to the burgeoning strength of students of both Science and Arts Colleges in the same place. Realising the situation, the Minister has decided to shift the Arts College to a different place.

There is four-and-a-half acre land belonging to Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) in Vijayanagar 4th Stage. The Higher Education Department is planning to take this piece of land and build a modern college with all basic facilities. He has already brought this matter to the notice of Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) and also held discussions with the officials.

The strength of the students is increasing every year. While Maharani's Science College will continue in the same building, the Arts College will be shifted. GTD has plans of utilising the Grants for the Higher Education in the Budget and loans from World Bank for this proposal.

Admission to Women's FGC

Mysuru, July 28- The Government First Grade College for Women in Vijayanagar has invited applications from students who have passed their PUC for admission to BA, B.Sc, B.Com and BBA degree courses.

The B.Sc CBZ (Chemistry, Botany, Zoology) course has been started from 2017-18 and interested students can apply for this course.

For details, visit the college between 10 am to 5 pm or contact Principal on Mob: 99020-33578 or Ph: 0821-2303511.

Calling Banajiga students

Mysuru, July 28 (RSB)- Sri Yoginareyana Banajiga (Balija) Yuvakara Sangha has invited applications from meritorious community students, who have scored above 80 percent in SSLC and II PUC (2017-18) to present Pratibha Puraskar.

The students, residing in Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan and Chamarajanagar may apply.

Eligible candidates may send their attested marks card copy, cast certificate and one passport size photograph to: Sri Yoginareyana Banajiga (Balija) Yuvakara Sangha, # 999/1, Radhakrishna Marga, opp. Government Press, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru-09, before Aug.20.

For details, contact Mob: 94824-56490 or 95916-88536.

Mysureans witness Micro Lunar Eclipse

The much-awaited, amazing, astronomical feast is eventually done ! People were very eager to know whether natural calamities and catastrophes may occur due to this event. Fortunately, it did not happen! The sky was absolutely clear in the beginning, say at around 9.45 pm, but it troubled the sky-gazers and astronomers throughout the night creating bad weather. In spite of this condition, from Mysuru the lunar eclipse was perceptible with utmost difficulty. The partial phase of the eclipse started at 11.54 pm, total phase was from 1 am to 2.43 am, where the duration was 1 h 43 minutes. The complete duration of the eclipse was 6 h 14 min. In 2019, Indians will be privileged to witness two lunar eclipses and one solar eclipse. The Moon, which was at a distance of 4,12,000 kms from the Earth last night, appeared copper red in colour, says Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna, Amateur Astronomer.

[Photo courtesy: Sagar Suresh, BE Student, VVCE, Mysuru]

Rangayana to stage mythological play 'Manmatha Vijaya' on Sunday

Mysuru, July 28 (US&YDS)- Rangayana, known for its innovative ventures, has embarked upon another new one now. After ten years gap, it is ready to stage again a completely classical music-based mythological play *'Manmatha Vijaya.'*

Ten years ago, Rangayana had staged a similar classical play *'Sadarame'* which was directed by Y.M. Puttannaiah, who will now provide music and direct *'Manmatha Vijaya'* based on *'Kumara Sambhava,'* one of the epic works of Kalidasa which is scripted in Kannada by playwright Giri Bhatta Thammaiah.

The play which used to be of seven hours duration has been pruned to three hours — one hour of music and two hours of acting and dialogues. Despite the pruning of duration, the original essence of the story is maintained.

The play, being a musical, about 30 classical theatre songs are included in the play incorporating instruments like harmonium, tabla and clarinet. About 16 senior and 12 junior artistes are enacting the play.

The play will be staged on July 29 (Sunday) at 6.30 pm at Bhoomigeetha and tickets are priced at Rs. 50.

'Manmatha Vijaya' is a typical old company play. About 100 years ago, A.V. Varadacharya's Ratnavali Theatrical Company had staged hundreds of classic plays like *'Manmatha Vijaya', 'Shakuntala', 'Virata Parva'* and *'Nirupama'* throughout the State, says Y.M. Puttannaiah.

Artistes of the play

Mahadeva, Pramila Bengre, Jagadish Manavarthe, Vanita, Puttalakshmi, Ramu, Vinayak Bhat Hasanagi, Geetha, Krishnakumar Narnakaje, Hoysala, Pradeep, Nandini, Hulegappa Kattimani, Saroja Hegde, Prashant Hiremath, Vanitha, Geetha and Shashikala.

The mythological play is choreographed by Dr. Tulsi Ramachandra, lighting by Mahesh Kallathi and costumes by B.M. Ramachandra.

One-day theatre workshop tomorrow

Mysuru, July 28- Bengaluru's premier theatre group, WeMove Theatre is conducting a one-day theatre workshop called 'Big Step' for all theatre enthusiasts, on July 29 (Sunday) from 11 am to 2 pm at Vijaya Vittala Composite PU College premises, Saraswathipuram in city.

Big Step aims to encourage new talent by providing a platform to all those who want to learn more about theatre. This comprehensive workshop includes training in basics of acting and production.

The participants are requested to wear comfortable/workout clothes as there will be a lot of physical activities involved. For details and registration contact Mob: 9481184813.

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Online Tenders are invited from the reputed and registered firms for providing **House Keeping Services** at Centre for Excellence in Postal Technology, Mysore-570 010. The document can be downloaded from the website **www.eprocure.gov.in** (The Tender ID is 2018_DOP_364212_1). **The last date for submission of Tender is 13.8.2018 at 11:30 am and the Tender will be opened at CEPT, Mysore on 14.8.2018 at 12:00 hours.**

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IN BLACK & WHITE

Vikram Muthanna

Now tell us who should cry, the CM or the people?

As if we didn't have enough crying in our movies and TV sitcoms, we now have to deal with 'senti' Chief Ministers, who have turned Karnataka Chief Minister's Office into Karnataka Water Works Department !

Just over a week ago our Chief Minster while addressing his party workers let his lacrimal glands run wild. Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) cried and said he has turned into *Vishakanta*. Many may know this is the name given to Lord Shiva who consumed poison to save the Universe. But whom is HDK saving? And what is this poison that HDK has consumed?

Is the CM talking about Congress pushing him to deal with the farm loan waiver? But then he is the "son of the soil" and his Party's symbol is a "A lady farmer carrying paddy on her head," so shouldn't he be happy to be the one who saves farmers?

That said, it is we the people of Karnataka who have to shed tears because just two days after the CM cried, his government called an all party meeting to discuss the Cauvery issue. And how were the MLAs invited?

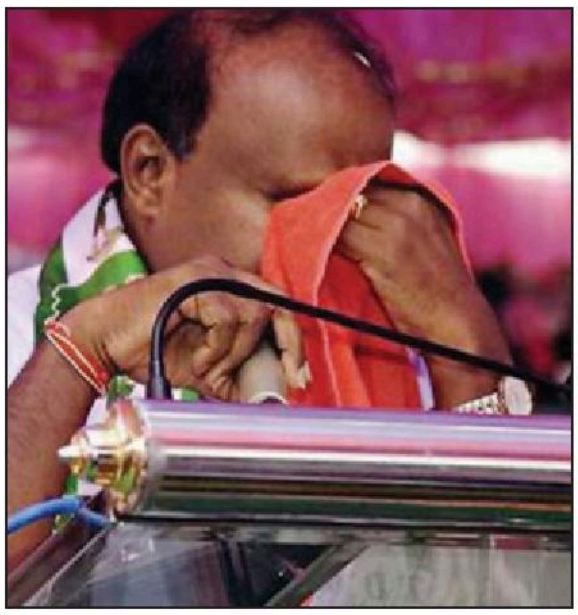
Each MLA was given an Iphone X mobile phone and a leather designer bag! Iphone X costs Rs. 75,000 a piece and leather bag we don't know! Do MLAs need to be lured with gifts to do peoples' work?

Now tell us who should cry, the CM or the people?

While MLAs get gifts of over Rs. 1,00,000 to simply attend a meeting and while the CM's brother can go up and down between Hassan and Bengaluru every day, a 360-km journey with an entourage of cars filled with petrol paid for by the tax-payer, this government could not give free bus passes to poor students.

Now tell us who should cry, the CM or the people?

On July 5, the CM announced partial crop loan waiver, but the banks are not waiving the loan. Why? Because the previous government and now HDK's partner the Congress, never reimbursed the banks for the previous loan waiver! To add, the State Level Bankers Committee (SLBC) says they will begin waiving loans only after getting paid for the previous waiver. After this they will have to



get guidelines from the government about how to waive new loans, following which they will prepare a list of beneficiaries, and only after all this will they begin waiving loans! Yes, it's going to take time.

Now tell us who should cry, the CM or the people?

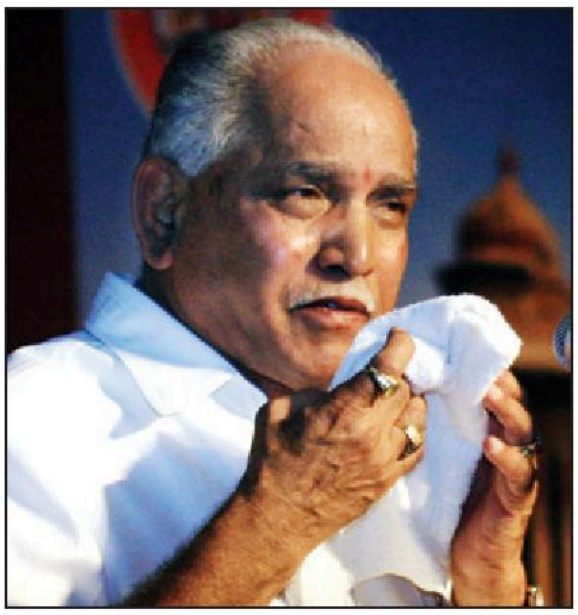
As for industries, the State government has increased electricity tariff by 9 percent, water for industrial use by 10,000 percent ! (it went from Rs. 3,200 to Rs. 3 lakh for one million cubic feet of water), Road tax for school buses and industrial employees' transport went up by 50 percent. Add to this, floods in South Karnataka and urban infrastructure problems have sent our State spinning out of control.

While all these problems are plaguing our State, the most crucial highway in South Karnataka for tourism and commerce, the Mysuru-Bengaluru highway was shut down for hours so the CM could celebrate his accidental victory...

Now tell us who should cry, the CM or the people?

We understand that CMs can be emotional, but we would be more sympathetic if the CM could only let his saline secretion lead to long-term solutions for the problems that make the people of Karnataka weep everyday.

Many leaders have cried in the past, especially Yeddyurappa. He cried when JD(S) did not transfer power. He cried when he campaigned post-BJP-



JD(S) split. He cried when he visited a farmer's widow. He cried when he was forced to remove his Principal Secretary. He cried when his Minister for Rural Development was made to resign. He only cried and cried while our State died.

Now tell us who should cry, the CM or the people?

Everyone from Modi to Putin have cried. But simply crying with no action makes it insincere. It makes a citizen feel like he has been made a sentimental fool by a leader he has trusted and elected.

The fact is among the recent CMs that we have had, HDK is considered the one with the best temperament to rule. But he cries citing coalition compulsion. But when you accept power you are accountable to deliver. So if HDK feels Congress has made him swallow poison, all he has to do is simply spit it out... resign.

Now we must remember the poison that Lord Shiva drank was produced when *Asuras* (Demons) and *Devas* (Gods) were churning the Ocean of Milk (Ksheera Sagara) to get *Amrutha* (Nectar of Immortality). It seems in our State, two political parties are churning Karnataka for *Amrutha* and it is we the people of Karnataka who are becoming *Vishakantas* swallowing the Poison (taxes) to save our farmers, not HDK.

Now tell us who should cry, the CM or the people?

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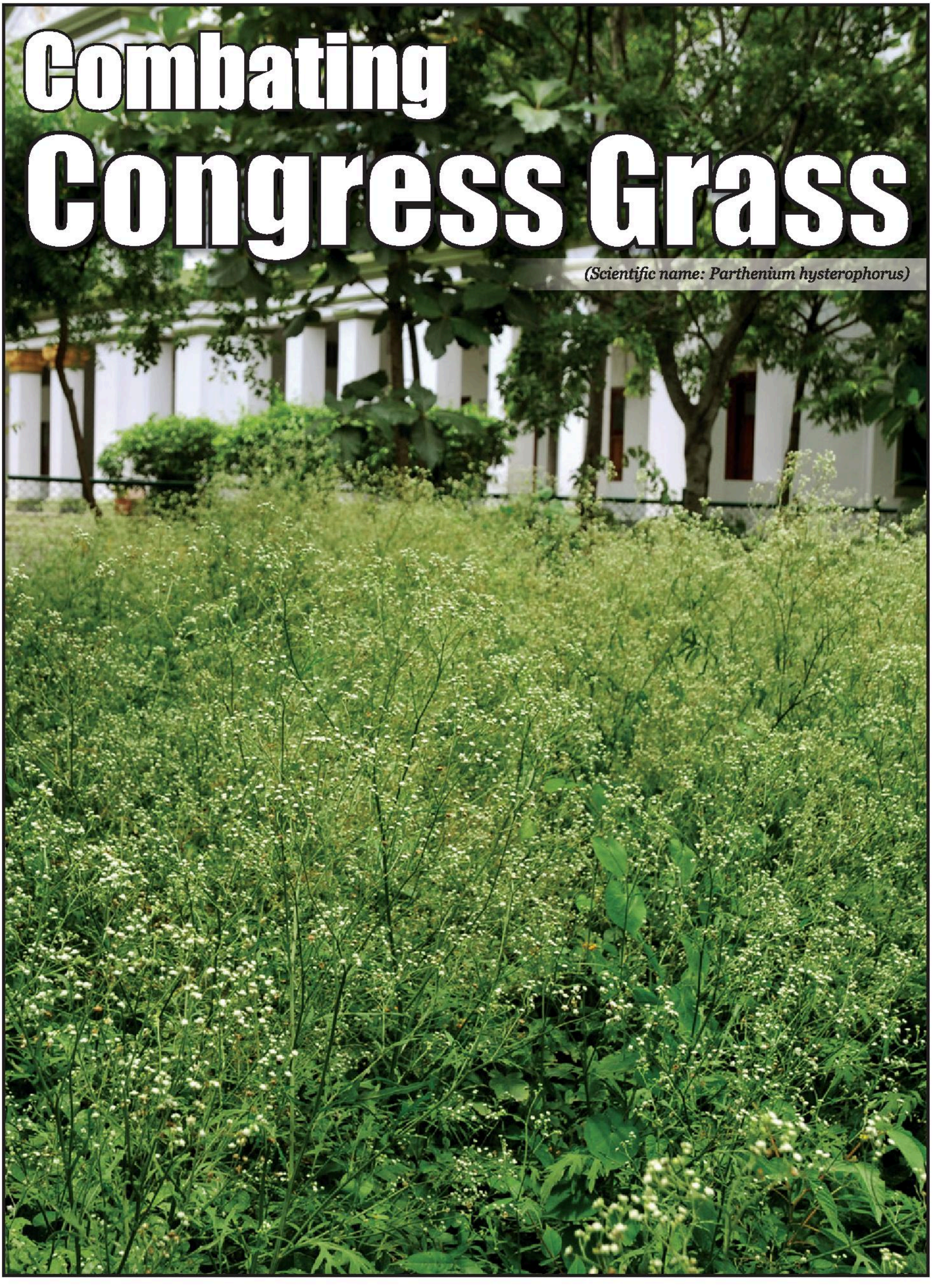
Combating Congress Grass

(Scientific name: Parthenium hysterophorus)



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Undesirable Parthenium

By Dr. N.T. Yaduraju
Agriculture Scientist

Come rainy season, you find one plant growing luxuriantly along roadsides, playgrounds, vacant sites, parks, drainage ditches, agricultural fields and practically everywhere. With this, we also get to hear the complaints made by the public about its nuisance. This plant I am referring to is Parthenium *(P.hysterophoru)* - a weed popularly called *gajarghass* or *Congress Grass*. Due to certain special traits, Parthenium can grow luxuriantly without any inhibition. If uncontrolled, Parthenium colonises the entire area in a matter of 3-4 years. The plants may grow as tall as 5-6 feet. Each plant may produce over 5,000-10,000 seeds which are very small and light in weight. They get readily disseminated by wind, water/ rain and movement of humans, animals and vehicles.

THE DAMAGES

Thick growth of Parthenium chokes water ways and drainages and harbours mosquitoes, snakes and rodents. It does affect the human health too. It causes skin allergies in a few individuals on direct contact with the plant and breathing difficulties in those suffering from asthma. There is no immediate cure for these ailments, except to keep away from the plant. The large-scale invasion of pasture and grass lands and waste lands by Parthenium deprives the herbivores — the cattle, sheep and goats of precious grass and other local plants on which they feed. In the absence of palatable vegetation, the herbivores are forced to feed on Parthenium which affects their health too.

IT IS AN ALIEN PLANT

The weed is believed to have been introduced to India as a contaminant through wheat imports from USA. It was first recorded in 1955 in Pune and then the weed spread rapidly covering the entire country within a span of 30-40 years. Even Andaman & Nicobar Islands have not been spared. Besides roadsides, railway lines, playgrounds, parks, game sanctuaries and other vacant places, Parthenium thrives best in neglected and poorly managed orchards, plantation crops and agricultural fields.

A Congress Grass Garden in front of the new Guest House at Jaladarshini premises on Hunsur Road.

Weeds & Politics

Parthenium is popularly called *Gajarghass* or carrot weed as it resembles carrot plant at seedling stage, which is understandable. However, why the weed is called Congress Weed or Congress Grass is intriguing. From what I could gather, it could be due to the fact the weed gained entry into India and was increasingly being noticed during the time when the Congress party was in power. It reminds us of another invasive weed *Chromolaenaodorata* (Siam weed) being locally called Communist Pacha (Communist weed) in Kerala as the plant was introduced there in the 1950s, the era when the Communists were in power!

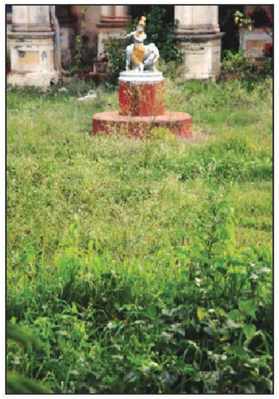
Another explanation for why Parthenium is called the Congress Grass says that In 1950s, India was going through a famine. Indian National Congress decided to import wheat from USA. The wheat was of inferior quality and with that wheat the seeds of this deadly weed were mixed. While some say it was a deliberate mistake from Uncle Sam, others say it was an innocent mistake.

Whatever, the then Congress government did not bother to do a quality check before distribution of wheat and hence this weed's seeds reached the masses. Even when it started appearing, the then Congress government failed to take initiatives to control the weed. Parthenium later resulted into an epidemic. These circumstances led people to name this weed as **"Congress Grass"**, a gift of Congress to the nation.

HOW TO CONTROL?

Parthenium is a successful weed hence it is very difficult to achieve full control. High seed production potential, easy dissemination of seeds, allelopathy (chemical inhibition of one plant or other organism by another, due to the release into the environment of substances acting as germination or growth inhibitors) and the ability to withstand pressures from livestock, insects and diseases, make the weed hard to control.

MECHANICAL CONTROL



The most ideal method is to pull the plants with roots before they flower and set seeds. As weeds keep emerging throughout the season, it has to be done regularly. It is therefore, labour-intensive, back-breaking and costly. It is practical only in small areas - around your houses and apartments. Cutting the plants above round (as is done popularly) is of little use, as new shoots come up in no time.

Biological control – An insect introduced from Mexico (Mexican beetle - *Zygogrammabicolorata),* is recommended for the control of Parthenium. The grubs of this tiny insect (similar to ladybird beetle) selectively feed on leaves and flowers. The insect has been widely tested in the country and has been found not to attack any other vegetation, including crop plants. The method is natural, self-sustaining and economical.

The Directorate of Weed Research, Jabalpur, an institute under the ICAR has released the beetle in several parts of the country in the last over 20 years. However, the method is fraught with limitations. The beetle is active only during the rainy season. The grubs are tiny and a huge population build up is needed to cause any significant damage. But unfortunately by then, the Parthenium would have already set seeds ensuring the succession of the weed. However, the beetle would be quite effective on Parthenium plants emerging later in the season. I have seen the presence of the beetle in some locations in Mysuru. Their number, however, needs to be augmented (with human intervention) for any noticeable control of the weed.

COMPETITIVE PLANTS

A few local plants grown in the wild could be used to suppress Parthenium. Among them, Cassia Sericea has been found to be promising to suppress Parthenium on roadsides. Cassia Sericea seeds could be broadcast before rains. They grow profusely and do not allow Parthenium to grow under their canopy. They set seeds by the end of monsoon and germinate freely with the onset of rains the next year. Their seeds could be collected during October-November and spread on the target area before the onset of monsoon the following year.

Chemical method – A number of chemicals (herbicides) are effective against Parthenium. As enough care and caution is required in selecting the herbicide and using them in the field, it is better to seek expert advice on the matter. Application of metribuzin at 0.5-1.0 % is recommended in non-agricultural lands. The herbicide is quite safe on local grasses but may affect other broadleaved plants. Make sure that no other useful plants are grown nearby. The treatment is very effective and costs very little compared to manual removal, therefore ideal for use on a large area.

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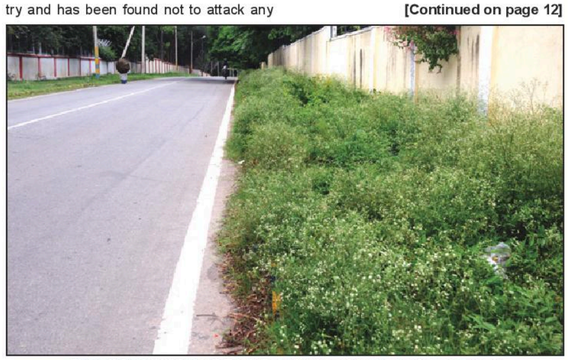
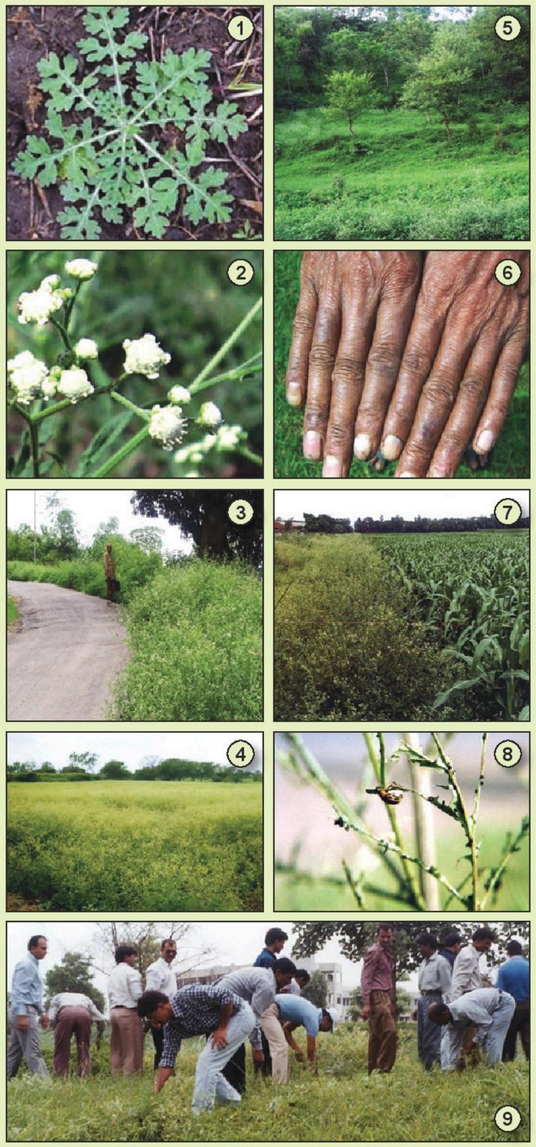


Thandi Sadak (Karanji Tank Road) turns Congress Grass Street.



1 At rosette stage — easily confused with Chrysanthemum.
2 The plant dotted with numerous small white flowers is also referred to as Gandhi cap.
3 A road to nowhere!
4 An uncropped agricultural land completely run over by Parthenium, an infested grass land.
5 An infested grass land.
6 Parthenium-induced skin rashes.
7 A good crop stand discourages invasion of Parthenium.
8 A defoliated plant following Mexican beetle attack.
9 Public participation in uprooting Parthenium.

Unwanted weed in our landscape

Wild growth of parthenium in the premises of old exhibition building (pic. left) adjacent to MMC&RI and Chamundi guest house (pic. right) on JLB Road.

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ACTION PLAN

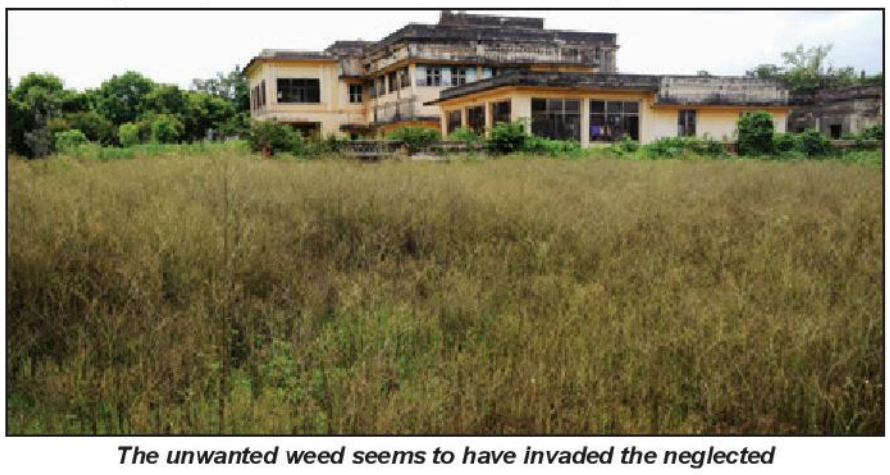
At individual level, Parthenium cannot be controlled fully. Even if one tries there is always the possibility of fresh invasion with seeds coming through air and movement of livestock and vehicles. We need a community approach involving the participation public, NGOs and local civic bodies such as Gram Panchayats, municipalities, city corporations etc. Through such actions, a couple of Gram Panchayats in Punjab have been declared Parthenium-free. With such efforts, it is possible for Mysuru also to claim such recognition.

PARTHENIUM CONTROL: Concerted efforts lacking

Native to North, Central and South America, Parthenium has been accidentally introduced into several countries and has become a serious agricultural and rangeland weed in parts of Australia, Asia, Africa and the Pacific Islands. It is one of the worst weeds in India, covering over 25-30 million hectares, causing huge economic losses with its negative impact on environment, agriculture, health and biodiversity.

No data is available on the economic losses caused by the weed, but I am sure it will run into several thousands of crores. Although introduced at the same time, compared to India, Australia has been able to manage the problem quite well and is worth emulating. Australia treats Parthenium as a Weed of National Significance and is legally declared as a noxious weed. There is local quarantine in operation. Vehicles (including the trains) originating from Parthenium-infested areas are sanitised to ensure that they don't carry Parthenium seeds to newer areas.

India, in contrast, took the problem lightly and now it is too late for us to wage a war against this pernicious weed. Karnataka was the first State in India to legally name Parthenium as an obnoxious weed as early as in 1975. The current level of heavy to very heavy infestation of the weed in the entire state speaks of its lack of seriousness in managing the weed. It is time the State comes up with a proper action plan to prevent further spread of the weed and to recover the precious land encroached by Parthenium.



The unwanted weed seems to have invaded the neglected Chamundi Vihar Mansion on Male Mahadeshwara Temple Road in city.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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He conceptualised the idea of Parthenium management through public participation and involvement of all stakeholders. He was instrumental in organising several awareness-raising activities including starting of Parthenium Awareness Week - a regular annual event held throughout the country.

He is the past President of Indian Society of Weed Science and Asian-Pacific Weed Science Society. He is an alumnus of University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore and did his Ph.D. from the University Of Reading, UK. Dr. Yaduraju is presently living in Yadavagiri, Mysuru.

MCC to clean weeds on vacant sites

Following numerous complaints of weeds and bushes growth and dumping of garbage and waste at vacant sites, the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) had some time back asked the owners of such sites to clean up their sites or pay a fine to MUDA and also face legal action. But as most of the layouts have been taken over by the Mysuru City Corporation, the MCC has decided to clean the weeds as a cleaning cess has already been collected from the site owners.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, MCC Commissioner K.H. Jagadeesha said that the MCC was in the process of identifying the revenue collected from vacant sites across all the nine zones. "We have collected cleaning cess from site owners and will begin the cleaning process within a week or so," he said.

K.H. Jagadeesha
MCC Commissioner

Action plan for Mysuru

- ✅ Let the MCC take the lead role- over 90% of infestation is found in public places
- ✅ Declare Parthenium as an obnoxious weed
- ✅ Run awareness raising activities highlighting dangers of the weed
- ✅ Involve public, schools, NGOs, corporate houses, media, etc.
- ✅ Colleges, schools, business houses, resident welfare associations and individuals should become part of this campaign
- ✅ Incentivise control efforts. Recognise (through awards, prizes) agencies, schools, colleges, wards etc for good efforts
- ✅ Work with experts and involve departments of agriculture, horticulture, forestry to develop a comprehensive strategy for use of herbicides for immediate effect
- ✅ Develop a blueprint for long-term management considering all methods of control
- ✅ Set a time frame for making Mysuru Parthenium-free

8 shops burgled in one night

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All the thefts came to light this morning when the respective shop owners came to their shops to open the shutters. First it was Srikanteshwara TV Centre, bang opposite the Police Check Post on the Bogadi Ring Road. Ironically it is a Check Post that is open 24/7.

Burglars managed to open the shutters by tying the shutter handle with an iron chain. While one end of the chain was tied to the shutter handle, the other end was tied on to a vehicle. Later, the vehicle was started and it pulled the chain, forcing the shutters to open towards the front side.

The tyre marks of the vehicle were visible on the road and surprisingly, the personnel posted in the Check Post did not even hear the sound of the breaking shutters. The burglars took away Rs. 3,000 cash that was kept inside the cash counter.

Next the burglars targeted Ramdev Textiles, 100 metres from the Police Check Post on the Ring Road and used the same technique to break the shutters. They, however, did not find any cash here. After the futile attempt at Ramdev Textiles, the MedPlus outlet at Netaji Circle in Dattagalli Third Stage was the target.

Here, the burglars used hydraulic jacks to pry open the shutters. They took away Rs. 30,000 cash kept in the cash counter. While the burglars took away Rs. 30,000 that were bundled with Rs. 2,000 and Rs. 500 currency notes, they did not touch the Rs. 5,000 bundle that had Rs. 100, Rs. 50 and Rs. 10 notes.

The burglars next chose Ashok Bhandar in the same locality and took away Rs. 6,000. They broke open the shutters of S.R. Enterprises and took away Rs. 4,000 cash. Next they targeted Pathanjali outlet in the area and managed to take away Rs. 5,000 cash.

The Police said that the burglars took away only cash and did not take the risk of looting other items though they had a vehicle with them. They did not even touch costly electronic items. The burglars later moved on to Someshwara Nagar in Jayapura Police limits and targeted two shops and took away petty cash.

Police said that all the thefts took place between 1.30 am to 4.30 am. Police sources said that many Policemen were put on *Ashada Shukravara* security at various temples in the morning and the night beat too was not that intensive at Kuvempunagar and Saraswathipuram.

It may be recalled that last year, a similar incident where eight shops were burgled in a single night at Vijayanagar was reported. The thefts took place at Surya Bakery Road and near the Abhishek Circle.

Senior Police officers including DCP (crime and traffic) Dr. Vikram V. Amathe, City Crime Branch ACP B.R. Lingappa, City Fingerprint Unit ACP Rajashekar, Kuvempunagar Inspector Manjunath, Saraswathipuram Inspector Nagegowda, Sub-Inspector Appaji Gowda visited the spot along with dog squad and fingerprint experts.

Police sources told *Star of Mysore* that considering the seriousness of the crime, a few Policemen might be suspended for dereliction of duty.

Poor response to private hospitals' stir

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Meanwhile, the IMA, Mysuru Chapter led by its President Dr. M. S. Vishveshwara, Vice Presidents Dr. Suresh Rudrappa, Dr. Anand Ravi, Secretary Dr. Sujatha S. Rao, Dr. S.P. Yoganna, Dr. C. Rajan and others presented a memorandum to the Additional Deputy Commissioner T. Yogesh.

Dr. Vishveshwara speaking to *Star of Mysore* said that they had presented a memorandum to the ADC. "All the hospitals had been asked to observe Dikkar Divas by closing the OPDs for 12 hours. Though the emergency services are not affected, all treatments have stopped at all the hospitals coming under MAHAN (Mysore Association of Hospitals and Nursing Homes)," he claimed.

They have opposed the NMC Bill terming it as anti-democratic, anti-federal, anti-poor and pro-rich as the management quota in private medical colleges is raised from 15 per cent to 50 per cent.

It is also anti-reservation as provision of eligibility for Backward Community students of 40 per cent eligibility is withdrawn.

Added to this it is anti-medical profession since bridge course of six months for Ayush practitioners to entitle them for modern medical practice is vested with State authorities

Minister, MP perform Guddali Pujas

Minister G.T. Devegowda performing Guddali puja for a park in Irrigation Department Layout in Bogadi 2nd Stage coming under MCC Ward No.24. Picture below shows MP Pratap Simha performing Guddali Puja for the development of Mysuru Tennis Club located on Krishnaraja Boulevard in Chamarajapuram. *[Details tomorrow]*

Post-Lunar Eclipse rush at temples

Priests perform homa at Sri Amrutheshwara Temple on Dewan's Road in city.

Mysuru, July 28 (MTY&US)-Post-Lunar Eclipse rush was seen at all temples in city this morning. In the context of Lunar Eclipse all the temples were closed last evening. The Temples got opened this morning at about 8 am after the photos, idols, Sanctum Sanctorums and temple premises were sanitised and consecrated by the Priests.

After decorating the idols and pujas performed, the Temples were opened for the public.

A few temples witnessed mass and individual homas performed by people who were offered predictions by astrologers of possible evil effect of Lunar Eclipse in view of their zodiac signs. The homas were meant to ward off any bad effects of the Eclipse. Homes and havanas were said to be performed at temples in Srirangapatna.

Karnataka Rajya Swakulasali Convention tomorrow

Mysuru, July 28 (US&PM)-Swakulasali Samaj (Nekar), Mysuru, has organised the Karnataka Rajya Swakulasali Samaj (KRSS) convention and annual meeting of its office-bearers tomorrow (July 29) at 10.30 am at Geetha Mandira behind Lashkar Mohalla Police Station here.

Disclosing this at a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan here this morning, Samaj Convenor Subramanya said that the programme would be inaugurated by Mayor B. Bhagyavati. He added that MLA L. Nagendra will be the chief guest and KRSS President Chandrakanth N. Bhandare will preside over the programme.

He said that All India Swakulasali Samaj President Ramesh Chillala will be the guest of honour.

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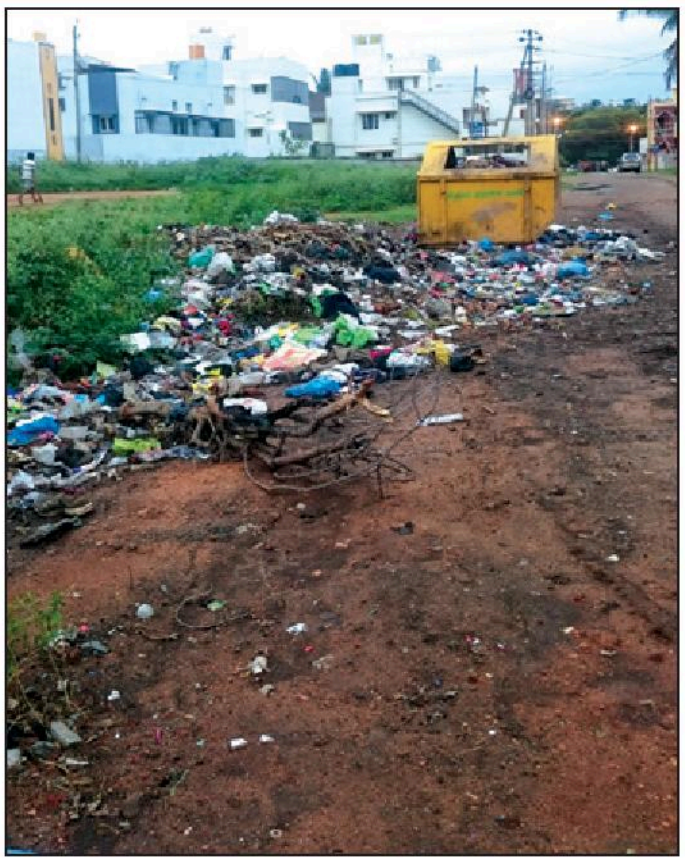
Garbage emanating foul smell in JSS Layout



Garbage such as empty plastic covers, dried coconut fronds, leftover food etc., which are dumped outside the garbage bin at JSS Layout near a temple is emanating foul smell forcing people to cover their noses while passing by the road. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the garbage cleared regularly.

Plea to clean drain in Rajivnagar

Waste such as papers, used paper cups and other such materials thrown inside a drain near Khairul Wara Masjid in Rajivnagar is blocking the free flow of sewage water which has now become stagnant and emanating foul smell. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the drain cleaned at the earliest.

Pinjrapole type of shelter planned for stray dogs: MLA

Mysuru, July 28-MLA S.A. Ramdas has assured to set up a Pinjrapole type of shelter for stray dogs after holding discussions with the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner.

This promise comes following the increasing stray dog menace in the city. He undertook a *padayatra* recently visiting the wards in K.R. Constituency that includes wards 1, 4 and 51 comprising Agrahara, Ramanuja Road and other places. He also interacted with the residents and received their complaints.

Later, speaking to the media he said that there were several complaints from these areas regarding increase of stray dog menace. According to Prevention of Cruelty to Animal rules the dogs should be spayed, vaccinated and released in the same locality.

Hence, he said, he would discuss with the MCC Commissioner regarding setting up a centre on the lines of Pinjrapole (where stray cattle is housed) in government land.

One Dr. Chandrashekar, in order to stop the mosquito menace and spreading of the disease filled the open tanks in Government Hospitals with water and released Guppy fish which in turn ate the larva laid by mosquitoes. This has resulted in the reduction of mosquito menace, he said.

Similarly, he suggested to the officials to grow Ayurvedic plants in government hospital premises. He also said that the hospital will be upgraded under the Central Government scheme and more beds added.

Ramdas directed the officials to immediately set right the problems of drinking water and clean toilets in the Ambale Annaiah Government PU College on Chamaraja Double Road where there are a large number of girl students.

There are lot of old houses in Khille Mohalla and due to rains they are damaged and the solution is to see that a proper drainage system is built to drain the rainwater.

Added to this the bus shelter on Chamaraja Double Road should be shifted a little back so that it will help the commuters to board the bus easily, he told the officials.

Thyagaraja Road is very narrow and since the Sai Baba temple is located there it becomes congested on Thursdays as lot of devotees visit the temple on that day thus creating traffic snarls. Hence, the Police have decided to make it one way, the MLA said.

In the coming days feeder pillar boxes will be installed on all the roads in K.R. Constituency limits thus making it wireless, he said.

Petrol bunk owner returns 120 gms gold chain found on road

Hanagodu, July 28 (Mahesh& NNN)- A petrol bunk owner, who found 120 grams gold chain on the road, handed it over to the Police, thus displaying good Samaritan spirit.

The good Samaritan is Mylaralingeshwara Petrol Bunk (near APMC) owner and JD(S) leader Ganesh Kumaraswamy.

Incident: Home-maker Pratibha, a resident of JLB Road, was on her way to the Town Municipal office with her son on some work when the gold chain fell out of her purse on the road. She failed to notice it and after a long time when she returned home, she found the gold chain missing.

Meanwhile, Kumaraswamy, who was also on his way to the Town Municipal Office, found the gold chain lying on JLB Road. He immediately informed Head Constable Yogesh whom he knew. At the same time, Pratibha also reached the Town Police Station to file a complaint.

Hunsur MLA A.H. Vishwanath is seen handing over the gold chain to its owner Pratibha as Petrol bunk owner Ganesh Kumaraswamy, who was honoured for his noble act, Hunsur Town Police Inspector K.C. Poovaiah and others look on.

Inspector K.C. Poovaiah made inquiries and confirmed that the gold chain belonged to Pratibha.

Police felicitate: The Police invited Ganesh Kumaraswamy to the TP office and befittingly honoured him in the presence of MLA A. H. Vishwanath for his laudable act. Later, Vishwanath handed over the gold chain to its owner Pratibha.

The much relieved Pratibha thanked Ganesh Kumaraswamy for his kind gesture.

Six firemen marooned during rescue operation saved

Rescuers had got into water to save woman who jumped into water at KRS Dam

Mysuru, July 28 (MTY&BCT)- A group of fire service personnel had a narrow escape as their boat turned turtle after hitting a rock in a rescue operation of a woman who jumped into the water that was being released from Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam. The boat toppled and the rescue personnel landed in strong water currents. All of them, were, however, rescued by the Police and their colleagues from Fire Department in Mandya and Mysuru while a search is on for the woman.

The incident that occurred on July 26 at Balamuri has come to light now. According to fire service personnel, the woman jumped into the water that was being released from the KRS. As the Dam is full to the brim and due to the regular high inflow, the authorities from Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL) have been releasing more than 40,000 cusecs of water every day.

On July 26, 35-year-old Shashikala, a resident of Yelwal hobli, jumped into the water from the main KRS Bridge at 2.30 pm as water was being released through the crest gates.

Police said that Shashikala had some domestic issues with her husband and took the extreme step. The incident occurred in front of many tourists who had come to the KRS to see the water release.

Shashikala plunged into the water that was flowing in a great force and the incident shocked the tourists. They immediately informed the CNNL authorities, who in-turn, intimated the Mandya Police and the Fire Service Department.

As the water was turbulent, the rescuers decided to wait at Balamuri downstream to rescue Shashikala. A team of expert divers stood waiting near Balamuri and one more team set off in a boat to the middle of the Balamuri waterfall. The boat was taken from Saraswathipuram Fire Service Station and around six members — Nanjundaswamy, Prabhakar, Darshan, Ravi, Kumaraswamy and Lingannaswamy — set out on the boat to search for the missing woman.

However, the turbulent water currents pushed the boat to a side and it hit a rock. As the water was gushing out, the rescuers did not see the rock. Due to the impact, the boat turned turtle and all the six divers were marooned. Fortunately, they were wearing lifejackets and some of them managed to climb on the boulders to escape from being washed away.

Two of the six rescuers climb on a rock at Balamuri Waterfall after their boat toppled in a rescue operation.

Seeing the marooned rescue personnel, the other team members, who were on the river bank threw life bags using ropes, and pulled them to safety. Mandya District Fire Officer Ravikumar, PSI Byatarayagowda attached to KRS Police Station and swimmer Prashanth led the rescue operation.

The rescue team, however, could not find Shashikala. Turbulent water currents forced the rescuers to abandon the rescue operation on that day. Shashikala was not traced yesterday too. She is feared to have drowned.

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KSCA Dr. (Capt.) K. Thimmappiah Memorial Cricket

KSCA Colts gain first innings points

Mysuru, July 28- Excellent batting by Shubhang Hegde 125 (255b, 10x4, 4x6) and his vital 138-run seventh wicket partnership with Vyshak Vijayakumar 84 (125b, 13x4), enabled KSCA Colts to post a first innings total of 500 for nine in 185.2 overs, and gained the vital first innings points in their drawn four-day Group 'D' league tie against Madhya Pradesh CA in the KSCA Dr. (Capt.) K. Thimmappiah Memorial Cricket Tournament 2018, played at the SDNR Wadiyar Grounds here on Friday.

SCORES

Group 'D' — Madhya Pradesh CA: 390 in 103 overs & 112 for 2 in 36 overs (Mohnish Mishra 42 n.o., Rameez Khan 27 n.o., Shubhang Hegde 2 for 38) drew with **Karnataka Colts:** 500 for nine decl. in 185.2 overs (Shubhang Hegde 125, Vyshak Vijaykumar 84, M.B. Darshan 25, Mihir Hirwani 4 for 111, Ishwar Pandey 2 for 85).

Gujarat CA: 272 in 85.5 overs & 486 for 7 in 134 overs (Manprit Juneja 104, Rujul Bhatt 74, Ushitij Patel 67, Karan Patel 40, P. Vijay Kumar 2 for 49, B. Siddarth 2 for 107, Ricky Bhui 2 for 18) drew with **Andhra CA:** 313 in 93.3 overs (Jyothi Sai Krishna 101, P. Girinath Reddy 46, Aashav Panchal 3 for 67).

MTC to host AITA Natl.-level U-14 Tennis Tourney

Mysuru, July 28- The Mysore Tennis Club (MTC), Mysuru, will be conducting the National-level AITA Talent Series U-14 (Boys & Girls) Tennis Tournament from Aug.27 to 31 at MTC courts.

The qualifying rounds will be held on Aug.25 and 26 at the MTC courts. The sign-in for qualifying rounds is on Aug.24. The main draw begins on Aug.27. Last date for entry is Aug.6. Last date for withdrawal is Aug.20. Entries may be sent via e-mail: *mtctour@gmail.com*

For details, contact Tournament Director B.R. Bharat Paul Singh on Mob: 96634-83651.

U-15 Open Chess Tournament

Mysuru, July 28- Mysore Chess Club has organised Under-15 Open Chess Tournament for boys and girls (born on or after Jan.1, 2003) on Aug. 1 at 5.30 pm at Gopalaswamy Shishuvihara Institutions, near Nanjumalige Circle, Lakshmipuram, Mysuru.

Interested players may enrol their names at the venue.

Players should carry their own chess set and Date of Birth (DoB) certificate to the Tourney.

For details, contact Club Hon. Secretary K.G. Jayaprakash on Mob: 98805-47121, according to a press release.

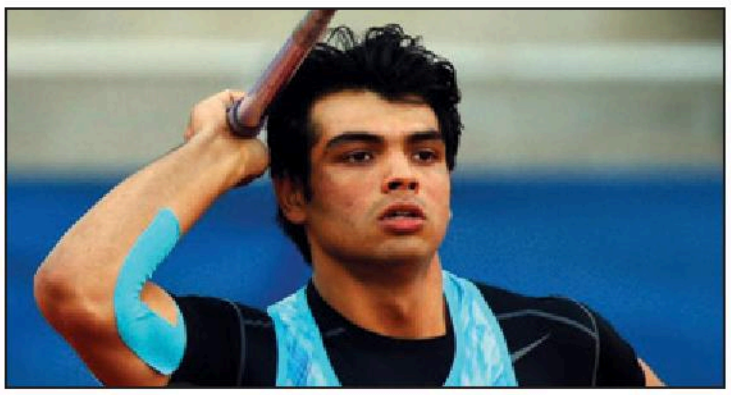
Office-bearers of Karate Assn.

Siddaraju

Chidananda

Mysuru, July 28 (RSB)- The following have been elected as the new office-bearers of Mysore Karate Association (2018-19): President - Karate Siddaraju; Vice-President - N. Shankar; General Secretary - M.B. Chidananda; Jt. Secretary - S. Deepak Kumar; Treasurer - N.G. Shivdas; Directors - Azeez Khan, Nagaraju, Mahadevaswamy and Sunil Kumar, according to a press release.

Neeraj Chopra qualifies for Diamond League finals



Zurich, July 28- India's star javelin-thrower Neeraj Chopra has qualified for the prestigious Diamond League final, which will be held here on Aug.30.

Reigning Commonwealth Games champion, Chopra, finished fifth in the Rabat (Morocco) leg of the Diamond League series earlier this month, with a best throw of 83.32m. He collected four Diamond League points from there and made it to the Final along with five other athletes.

Besides Chopra, current world champion Johannes Vetter, Olympic champion Thomas Rohler, 2017 IAAF Diamond League champion Jakub Vadlejch, German champion Andreas Hofmann and Estonoian record holder Magnus Kirt have also qualified.

Before Rabat, Chopra has taken part in two other Diamond League Meetings. He finished fourth while collecting five points in Doha on May 4 and sixth, with 3 points, in Eugene (USA) on May 25. The 20-year-old's first competition saw him finish fourth in the Doha Diamond League with a throw of 87.43 metres.

The 14-leg Diamond League Meetings are prestigious events competed among elite athletes of the world. The top eight finishers in each leg get prize money. The eighth-place finisher gets USD 1000 while the winner pockets USD 10,000.

Yoga Contest Winners

The winning students are seen with Principal S.A. Veena and Yoga trainer Bhavani.

Mysuru, July 28- The students of Ideal Jawa Rotary School won prizes in different categories of the Taluk-level Yoga Competition organised at JSS High School, Sarawathipuram, by the Department of Education.

N. Yashas and **Sanjana S. Bowdd** of Grade 6 have secured first place, **C. Amogh** and **Sanjana Yadav** of Grade 6 have secured second place in the U-14 category.

In the High School category, **N. Jeevitha** of Grade 8 has secured first place.

Under Rhythmic Yoga Dance category, **Pooja S. Dhan** of Grade 7 has secured first place and participated at the District Level Yoga Competition on July 23 and secured second Place.

Indian Women's Compound archery team creates history

Earns top spot in World Rankings

Jyothi

Muskan

Divya

Trisha

Kolkata, July 28- The Indian women's compound archery team created history by scaling to the top of the world rankings in the recently published chart, a development which is bound to give a big boost ahead of next month's Asian Games in Indonesia.

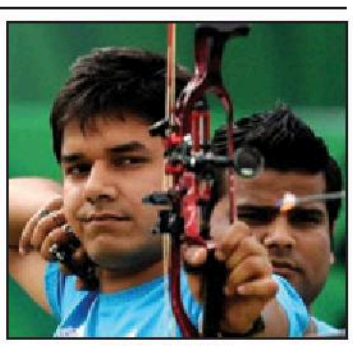
With their twin silver medal winning effort in the Antalya and Berlin World Cups, the Indian women's compound team lead the chart with 342.6 points, six points ahead of second-placed Chinese Taipei.

Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Muskan Kirar are two regulars in the women's team in both the World Cup stages, while Divya Dhayal (Antalya) and Trisha Deb (Berlin) were the third members.

This is a first for the women's compound team while women's recurve archer Deepika Kumari had been a former world number one in the past.

Deepika and Abhishek Verma are the only Indians in top 10 in the individual categories, both enjoying the seventh position in the recurve and compound sections respectively.

Deepika



Abhishek Verma

More flights to operate from Mysuru

Air services under expanded UDAN scheme to connect cities like Ahmedabad, Chennai, Pune, Hyderabad and Tirupati

New Delhi, July 28- Here is some good news for air travellers from Mysuru. More flights will be introduced from Mysuru to smaller airports like Hubballi in two months. The flights come under a network that will connect other cities like Ahmedabad, Chennai, Pune, Hyderabad and Tirupati.

The ambitious Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS), known as UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagarik), launched by the Narendra Modi Government will be expanded and the Mysore Airport at Mandakalli will handle more flights.

The all-inclusive airfare under RCS is Rs.2,500 and the airfare cap will be indexed to inflation and revised quarterly.

At present, the Mysore Airport handles only one flight from Mysuru to Hyderabad via Chennai. This TruJet flight that began its daily operations on Sept.20, 2017 has a 72-seat capacity. It arrives at the airport at 7.20 pm and departs at 7.50 pm to Chennai and from there, it proceeds towards Hyderabad. On an average, each trip has over 65 to 70 passengers and according to airport authorities, the response has been good. This apart, the Airport handles many private jets like it handled hundreds of flights during the last Assembly election campaign.

Buoyed by the good response the lone flight is getting from the Mysore Airport, IndiGo Airlines is set to operate at least eight new services from Mysuru and Hubballi in August under the UDAN scheme. The flights will be fully operational by February 2019.

In a written reply, Minister of State for Civil Aviation, Jayant Sinha told the Rajya Sabha on July 26, Air Odisha is expected to start its operations on Mysuru-Chennai sector and IndiGo is expected to operate the Hubballi-Ahmedabad and Hubballi-Chennai flights from August. The different services, operated by Air Odisha, IndiGo and Star Air (Ghodawat Group), will connect Mysuru with Hubballi, Hyderabad, Pune, Tirupati, Ahmedabad and Chennai.

IndiGo will add one more service on its circuit by operating a Hubballi-Hyderabad flight in August while Ghodawat, which has won the Hubballi-Hindon route, will also start its service from next month. IndiGo will also start its Hubballi-Ahmedabad and Hubballi-Chennai services next month.

Another report on the RCS released by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) says that smaller towns like Puducherry, Salem, Neyveli and Kadapa will be connected to Mysuru.

Chennai to Kannur IndiGo service will begin in December as the Kannur airport is expected to be ready in two to three months. The routes to Puducherry, Salem, Neyveli, Kadapa and Mysuru were awarded to Air Odisha under phase 1 of the regional connectivity scheme but could not be commissioned either because the airports were not ready or the airlines were not ready, the report said.

A senior official of AAI said, as of now, the RCS scheme has taken off well in the southern region after services were launched to Mysuru, Salem, Kadapa, Hubballi and a few other towns last year. There will be more flights under round two of the scheme as the money earmarked for viability gap funding to encourage airlines to fly is more for southern region. He hinted that there will be more flights to small towns in the south.

Minister donates Rs.5 lakh for assault victims

Zameer Ahmed

Mysuru, July 28- Food and Civil Supplies and Wakf & Haj Minister B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan has donated Rs.5 lakh for dowry attack victims who are undergoing treatment at a private hospital in city.

The victims identified as Aslam Pasha, Dishad Banu (Pasha's wife) and Naziya Banu (Pasha's daughter), were allegedly attacked by a man at their house in Shanthinagar last week.

The attack resulted in Pasha being killed and Dishad and Nasiya sustain severe injuries and admitted to a private hospital for treatment. Naziya Banu had appealed to the Minister seeking financial aid for the treatment following which Minister Zameer Khan instructed his close aide Azeez Ulla to visit the hospital and extend financial help.

City Police intensify night beat

Cops click picture of those moving around after midnight and enquire them

Mysuru, July 28 (RK&KS)- The Mysuru City Police, in a bid to prevent crimes taking place under the cover of darkness, have intensified their night beat since 15 days.

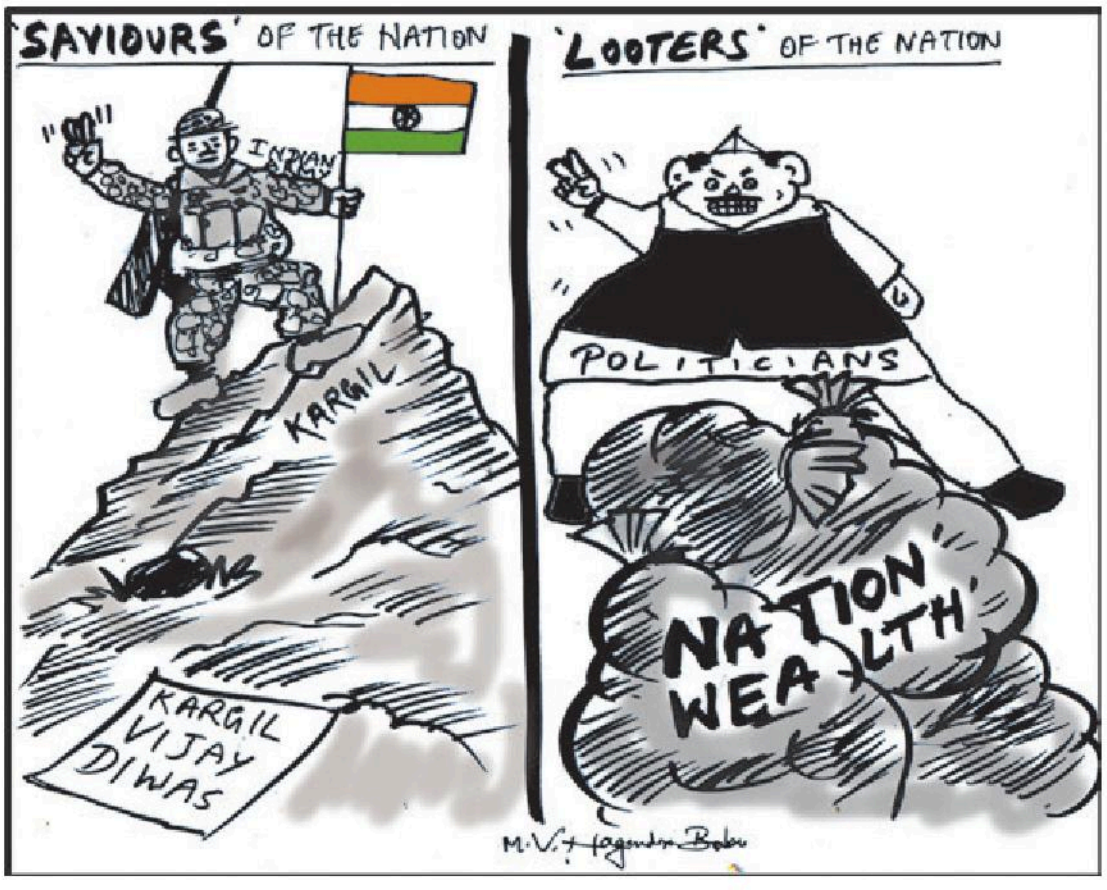
The Cops are clicking pictures of those found moving after 12 am and are enquiring them regarding their names, address, profession, from where they are coming, reason for moving at such time and if the Police are not satisfied with the answers, the Police would take such persons to Police Station for enquiry, said DCP Dr. Vikram V. Amathe to *SOM*.

The DCP further said that awareness is being created among the public by conducting public meetings in various localities and at Police Stations by asking the public to inform their jurisdiction Police Station when they go out of station by locking the house and to click photos of those found moving around in suspicious manner in their locality and enquire them among others.

Meanwhile, sources said that the night beat has been intensifies to bring down the crime rate, prevent drunken-driving which sometimes lead to fatal accidents, prevent planning of committing dacoity and robberies on roads by miscreants after waylaying motorists.

Babu's Banter

By M.V. Nagendra Babu



Obituary

N. Vatsala Devi

Mysuru, July 28- N. Vatsala Devi (78), wife of late Somarajan and a resident of J.P. Nagar in city, passed away yesterday.

She leaves behind five daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning.

Puttaswamy

Puttaswamy (77), a retired teacher and a resident of Gayathripuram, passed away yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife Parvathamma, daughter Pushpalatha T.B. Chikkanna (former Mayor), two sons and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning.

WORD OF THE DAY

Inchmeal

Pronunciation: INCH-meel.

Meaning: Little by little, gradually.
Origin: Mid 16th century: from inch1 + -meal from Old English mǣlum, in the sense 'measure, quantity taken at one time'. "All the infections that the sun sucks up / From bogs, fens, flats, on Prosper fall, and make him / By inch-meal a disease!" So goes one of the curses the hated and hateful Caliban hurls in the direction of Prospero in Shakespeare's *The Tempest.* The origin of inchmeal is simple; the inch half is the familiar measurement, and the meal is the suffix we know from the more common word piecemeal (which shares the "gradually" meaning of inchmeal, and has several other meanings as well). An old suffix that means "by a (specified) portion or measure at a time," - meal is related to the modern German word mal, meaning "time," as in the German word manchmal, meaning "sometimes."

THE ODD WORD

Bibble

To drink often; to eat and/or drink noisily.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

The bane of one's life

Meaning: The agent of ruin or woe.

Origin: We don't often use the word 'bane' any longer and when we do it is likely to be as part of 'the bane of my/his/her life'. This is usually uttered as a complaint against a not very serious threat, for example, a gardener might complain "those slugs are the bane of my life". Baneful threats weren't always so casual. 'Bane' is a very ancient word, recorded in the Old English Chronicles as early as circa 800, meaning 'murderer'. The bane of one's life in those days was a very real threat to one's existence.
Over time, the term 'bane' came to mean 'that which causes death' and specifically, poison. This is still with us in the names of various poisonous plants, for example Henbane (Hyoscyamus niger), Wolfsbane (Aconitum) and the unpleasant sounding Ratsbane, which is another name for rat poison that is, arsenic.
The earliest recorded use that I can find of 'the bane of someone's life' comes from a date at which we can assume he really meant it - Gabriel Harvey's Foure Letters and certaine Sonnets, 1592:
"He that like a Lacedemonian, or Romane, accounteth Infamy worse than death, would be loath to emprove his courage, or to employ his patience, in digestinge the pestilent bane of his life."

QUOTE BOX

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart. **— Helen Keller**

RIDDLE THIS

You can drop me from the tallest building and I'll be fine, but if you drop me in water I die. What am I?

Answer: Paper.

SUDOKU

8						7	3	
1	3	7	2				4	
3					8	9		
	1		5		4		8	
		6	3					5
	9				7	6	2	8
	6	3						1

Answer to previous puzzle

3	6	2	5	8	4	7	9	1
4	9	8	2	7	1	6	3	5
1	5	7	9	3	6	8	2	4
8	1	9	7	4	3	2	5	6
6	3	5	8	9	2	1	4	7
2	7	4	6	1	5	9	8	3
5	2	3	1	6	8	4	7	9
7	4	1	3	2	9	5	6	8
9	8	6	4	5	7	3	1	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Thai language - "Ola" anagram?
4 Native of Ireland, Wales or Scotland?
8 ___ for : seek to obtain?
11 Intel competitor
12 Belgian painter - "senor" anagram?
14 Decimal multiple?
15 Dander or anger
16 Farewell
17 Ram's mate
18 Widens by using a boring tool
20 Meaning or taste
22 Roman bronze - "sea" change?
24 Notice, espy or observe
25 Monetary transaction, should we say
28 Melvin's pet name?
30 Spanish home
34 "___ bar" or "___ therm" same prefix?
35 Playback singer Arun
36 Fraction
37 Strike heavily
39 ___ Biao : Mao Zedong's famous general?
40 Bowling alley
41 Airline-Selected Equip.
43 Tech. Std. Order
45 Rogue or rascal
48 Helps a felon
52 US ISP
53 Thin tree
57 Cut off branches and twigs of a tree
58 A type of neckwear
59 ___ to reason : was logical or obvious?
60 Debussy heroine
61 Pet name for Alfred
62 ____one's hopes on : relies absolutely on?
63 Altitude

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

A	M	P		M	A	M	A		N	O	T	E
B	A	I		E	L	B	A		E	W	E	S
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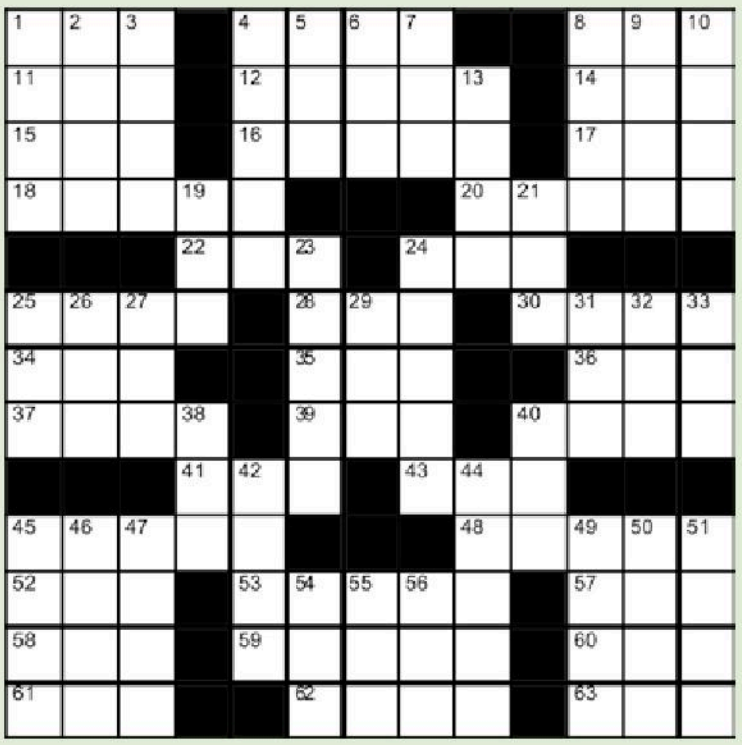
H	O	W	E		N	O	E	S		L	A	R
I	G	O	R		S	P	R	Y		E	N	E

DOWN

1 Beastly dwelling?
2 Ex-India batsman Pravin ___
3 Halls, theatres
4 Don't go on
5 A conclusion
6 Large Scale Integration, abbr.
7 Ballet dancer's point?
8 Egyptian symbol - "neat" anagram?
9 Does needlework?
10 Major leg joint
13 Stratagem or trick
19 __ West : life-jacket?
21 European Economic Community
23 Grin or chortle
24 Point of view?
25 Sibling in old English?
26 As mad __ _ hatter? (2,1)
27 "L" in L.A. the famous city?
29 High priest of Shiloh
31 One __ _ time : singly (2,1)
32 "S" in SF the city
33 Fruit drink
38 An amateur actor or something to eat?
40 An easy return of serve in tennis
42 Mineral spring resorts
44 ___ are running out : time of grace is nearly at end?
45 Hard drive interface
46 Twist into a shape of a spiral?
47 Hebrew letter
49 Girl's name
50 Strive or slave?
51 Gaiter-like item of footwear
54 Std. temp. & press.
55 Hawaiian food made from rice
56 A long time



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

FZJ UMVPK DB Y FVYEJKL FM FZMBJ UZM IJJP,

AHF Y WMGJKL FM FZMBJ UZM FZDTR

TODAY'S CLUE: F EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: By all means marry; if you get a good wife, you'll be happy. If you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Sankashta Kara Ganapathi	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Raambo 2	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Nagarahavu	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Double Engine	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Tagaru	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Prayanikara Gamanakke	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Kadaikutty Singam	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Junga	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Saakshyam	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Nagna Sathyam	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
HINDI			
Saheb, Biwi Aur Gangster 3	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
Mission: Impossible – Fallout	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
----------	Uma	2520009	
RENOVATION WORKS UNDERWAY			
---	Lido	2420885	---
---	Sri Maruthi	9980351129	---
---	Skyline	2481170	---

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Mission: Impossible – Fallout (E)	(S-1)	10.30 am
	(S-4)	1.00 pm, 4.00 pm
		7.00 pm, 9.55 pm
Junga (Ta)	(S-1)	1.25 pm, 4.30 pm
Sankashta Kara Ganapathi (K)	(S-1)	7.30 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am
Saakshyam (Te)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
Saheb, Biwi Aur Gangster 3 (H)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 9.50 pm
Ant-Man and the Wasp (E-3D)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Nagarahavu (K)	(S-2)	4.00 pm
Nawabzaade (H)	(S-2)	7.30 pm
Dhadak (H)	(S-3)	10.45 am, 4.00 pm
Ayyo Rama (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Sanju (H)	(S-3)	6.45 pm
Mohini (Ta)	(S-3)	9.55 pm

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Mission: Impossible – Fallout (E)	(S-1)	9.50 am, 12.55 pm
		6.30 pm, 9.40 pm
	(S-2)	3.30 pm
Dhadak (H)	(S-3)	9.50 am, 6.55 pm
Saheb, Biwi Aur Gangster 3 (H)	(S-3)	4.00 pm
	(S-4)	10.00 am, 9.50 pm
Saakshyam (Te)	(S-3)	12.45 pm
Happy Wedding (Te)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Mohini (Ta)	(S-3)	1.00 pm
Ayyo Rama (K)	(S-4)	4.00 pm
Junga (Ta)	(S-2)	9.55 am, 6.40 pm, 9.55
Prayanikara Gamanakke (K)	(S-2)	1.10 pm
Sankashta Kara Ganapathi (K)	(S-1)	4.00 pm
Koode (Ma)	(S-4)	6.35 pm

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Mission: Impossible – Fallout (E)	10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm
Saheb, Biwi Aur Gangster 3 (H)	10.20 am, 4.20 pm, 10 pm
Sankashta Kara Ganapathi (K)	7.20 pm
Junga (Ta)	3.30 pm, 6.45 pm
Saakshyam (Te)	12.15 pm
Dhadak (H)	3.00 pm, 9.45 pm
Nagarahavu (K)	11.15 am, 6.00 pm
Mohini (Ta)	10.00 pm
Trunk (K)	1.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (JULY 28)

Fun World and Resorts (I) Pvt. Ltd: Mysuru Utsava-2018 Expo featuring wildlife models, 3D paintings and replica of world's tallest building Burj Khalifa, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **up to 10 pm.**

B.M. Ramachandra Abhinandana Balaga: Felicitation to B.M. Ramachandra of Sri Rajeshwari Vasthralankara, senior theatre and folk artiste Nadoja Belagallu Veeranna inaugurates, well-known music director Nadabhrama Dr. Hamsalekha releases felicitation volume, former Chairman of Karnataka Nataka Academy Shekha Masthara and Nrityalaya Trust Director Tulasi Ramachandra chief guests, senior theatre artiste Dr. H.K. Ramanatha presides, Kiru Rangamandira, Kalamandira premises, **5 pm.**

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Mysuru Yoga Association: Renowned Yoga Guru K. Pattabhi Jois Memorial Programme, conferring of 'Yoga Kalarathna Award' on C. Ramesh, social worker K. Raghuram inaugurates, Zilla Brahmana Mahasabha President Dr. B.R. Nataraj Jois unveils portrait of the Guru, Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna presides, senior social worker Dr. A. Pushpa Iyengar and Shabda Yoga Therapist N.R. Sandeep chief guests, Parishat premises, next to Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate, **5 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Ishtanathanandaji speaks on 'Atmabodha,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramanuja Sahasranama Sabha Trust and Sri Ramanuja Seva Pratishtana, Mysuru: Sri Ramanuja

Sahasramanotsava Music Programme, flute recital by **Vid. Mysore V. Vamshidhar,** accompanied by Vid. S.P. Anantha Padmanabha on violin, Vid. Koviladi Madwaprasad on mridanga and Vid. R. Karthik on khanjira, Sri Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions President B.S. Parthasarathi presides, Sri Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **5.15 pm.**

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:

'Mysuru Asthana Vaggeya Vaibhava' - Karnatak Classical Vocal Recital by **Vidushis Dr. R.N. Srilatha,** Shailaja Sriram Bhat, Smitha Srikiran and Chaitrika, accompanied by Vidu. Veena Suresh on violin, Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga and Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

JSS Sangeetha Sabha Trust, Mysuru: Special Music Programme by **Vid. Prince**

Rama Varma from Thiruvananthapuram (vocal), Vid. Avaneeswaram Vinu (violin) and Vid. B. Harikumar from Trichy (mridanga), Navajyoti auditorium, JSS Women's College, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm.**

The Literary Criterion Centre, Dhvanyaloka: Lecture on 'Characteristics of World Class Universities' by Dr. J.A.K. Tareen, former Vice-Chancellor of Kashmir and Pondicherry Universities, Prof. S.N. Hegde, former Vice-Chancellor of University of Mysore, presides, Dhvanyaloka, **6 pm.**

Sri Shivarathreeshwara Religious Endowment, JSS Mahavidyapeetha: Shivanubhava Dasoha-249, lecture on 'Amuge Rayammana Vachanagalalli Arivu' by Dr. C.G. Ushadevi, retd. Kannada Professor, M. Nanjundaswamy, former Chairman of ZAK and advocate, presides, bhajans by Sri Shivarathreeshwara cultural troupe, # 811, JSS Layout, 2nd Stage, **6 pm.**

Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre: Lecture on 'Socio economic smart grid and smart meter' by Dr. Shyam Prabhu, AGM, Design and Development (D&D), Electrical Business of Larsen and Toubro (L&T), M. Chinnaswamy, Chairman, IEI Mysuru, presides, S.P. Bhat Hall, Institution premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Ganabharathi: Dance recital by Vidu. Bhramari Shivaprakash along with vocal support by Vid. Krishnapavankumar, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Kalikamba Kamateshwaraswamy Temple, Irwin Road, K.T. Street: Sri Girija Kalyana Mahotsava, Sri Girija Kalyana Music Feature by Vani Vadiraj and troupe, **6.30 pm;** Karnatak Music by Srikar (Zee TV Little Champ Winner), **7.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JULY 29)

Sacred Heart Church, Yadavagiri: Special Mass to pay homage to Rev. Fr. Denis Victor Noronha (86), a well-known Catholic Priest of the Diocese of Mysore, who passed away in city on July 16, Church premises, **8 am.**

Impressionz: Designer rendezvous, expo-cum-sale, Hotel Southern Star, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**

Kalasuruchi: Sahitya-Chavadi-Samvada, interaction with S.N. Sethuram, theatre person, writer, small screen actor, Suruchi Rangamane, Chitrabanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **10.30 am.**

Sri Gayathri Enterprises: Book release — S.M. Jambukeshwar's 'Americada Antaranga' — by MP Pratap Simha, researcher Dr. T.V. Venkatachalashastry presides, Mysore University Visiting Professor Dr. C. Naganna speaks about the book, Maneyangala, Kalamandira premises, **11 am.**

Fun World and Resorts (I) Pvt. Ltd: Mysuru Utsava-2018 Expo featuring wildlife models, 3D paintings and replica of world's tallest building Burj Khalifa, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **3 pm to 10 pm.**

Karavali Yakshagana Kendra, Mysuru and Yakshagana Academy, Bengaluru: Inauguration of Decennial Celebrations, Vijaya Vittala College Principal Satya Prasad inaugurates, Kendra President Vid. K. Krishnakumaracharya presides, Yakshagana Academy Member B. Purushotham Gowda and Yakshagana artiste Sujayindra Hande will be present, **4 pm;** Yakshagana demo by Yaksha Degula troupe from Bengaluru, Vijaya Vittala School premises, Saraswathipuram, **5 pm.**

Sri Mayakara Cup: Valedictory of Sri Mayakara Cup, MLA S.A. Ramdas distributes prizes, Railway Grounds, **4.30 pm.**

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Kadamba Ranga Vedike, Mysuru: Ranga Sanje - 'Kannada Prahasana Pithamaha T.P. Kailasam - Ondu Nenapu,' senior theatre person Prof. S.R. Ramesh inaugurates, talk by thinker Dr. H.A. Parshwanath, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna presides, Kadamba Ranga Vedike President Rajashekar Kadamba delivers keynote address, Parishat premises, Palace North Gate, **5 pm.**

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha: Smt. Kamalamma Gopalakrishna Chetty Memorial Concert, Karnatak Classical

Vocal by **Vidu. Vasudha Ravi,** accompanied by Vidu. Apoorva Krishnan on violin, Vid. Mysore Vadiraj on mridanga and Vidu. Bhagyalakshmi Krishna on morching, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**

Laya Vidya Pratishtana: Guru Purnima, monthly music programme, lecture on 'Guru Mahime' by V.S. Srinivas, felicitation to Dr. N.K. Ramasheshan, Guru Vandana by students of Laya Vidya Pratishtana, vocal recital by Vid. N. Srinath, accompanied by Vid. C.N. Tyagaraju on violin, Vid. Dr. D.V. Prahalad Rao on mridanga and Vid. N. Srinivasan on ghata, residence of H.L. Shivashankaraswamy, 'Sankeerthana,' #4, 12th Block, SBM Colony, near Canara Bank, Srirampura 2nd Stage, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Talk on 'Guru Parampareya Vaishishtya' by Swami Muktidanandaji, Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm to 7 pm.**

Bangalore Theatre Collective: Staging of play 'Ondu Preetiya Kathe..!', Kiru Rangamandira, Kalamandira, **7 pm.**

Awareness programme on Tobacco Control held

Mysuru, July 28- Under the National Tobacco Control Programme, the District Surveillance Office (DSO) held an awareness programme on the harmful effects of Tobacco and Nicotine consumption at Mysuru Central Jail recently.

DSO staff Naveedulla Shariff delivered a lecture on the harmful effects of Tobacco and Nicotine consumption, while Psychologist and counsellor R. Jyothi called upon the prison inmates to avail consultation facility on Tobacco de-addicition at the Tobacco De-addiction Centre set up at the Psychology Department of K.R. Hospital.

On the occasion,more than 100 inmates of the prison voluntarily registered for Tobacco De-addiction Centre consultation.

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